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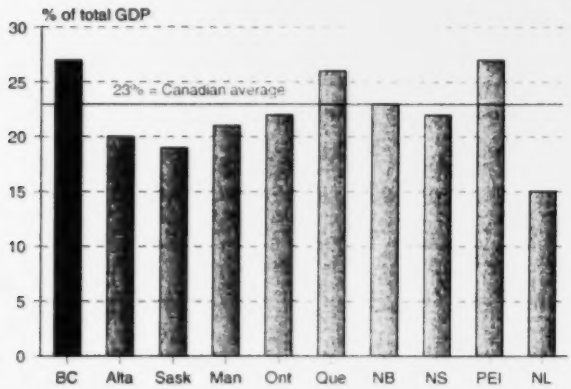
Small Business Continues to Thrive in BC

It is always interesting to look at how small business fares in the province, especially in view of the recent buzz about BC's hot economic climate, labour shortages and the upcoming 2010 Olympic Games.[1] Small business contributes to the provincial economy in a number of ways: by creating and maintaining employment, through its production of goods and services, as a source of innovation and by meeting payrolls that support families and stimulate further economic activity.

BC ranked first among the provinces in proportion of GDP generated by small business



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In 2006, small business in British Columbia accounted for 27 per cent of the province's GDP, well above the national average of 23 per cent. British Columbia ranks the highest of all provinces (tied with Prince Edward Island), suggesting that small business plays a more significant role in the provincial economy in British Columbia than it does in other parts of the country.

A business is defined as a small business if it is either:

- **A business with fewer than 50 employees**
- **Operated by a self-employed person with no paid help**

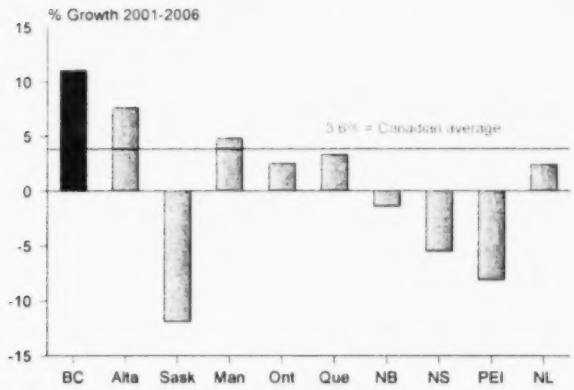
Small business expands in BC

A total of 378,700 businesses were operating in British Columbia in 2006. Of those, 370,700, or 98 per cent, were small businesses. Nearly 56 per cent of all businesses in the province were operated by self-employed individuals with no paid help. By comparison, only 53 per cent of all Canadian businesses were comprised of self-employed people with no paid employees. The total number of small businesses operating in the province increased for the fifth consecutive year in 2006, climbing 1.8 per cent from 2005. Both small businesses with employees (+3.1 per cent) and businesses operated by unincorporated self-employed individuals without paid help (+0.9 per cent) saw their numbers increase.

[1] This article is a summary of a larger publication entitled "Small Business Profile 2007," which is available online at http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca

Over the last five years, British Columbia has led the country in growth in the number of small businesses. Between 2001 and 2006, the count of small businesses in the province surged 11.0 per cent, more than triple the national growth average of 3.6 per cent. Alberta (+7.6 per cent), and Manitoba (+4.8 per cent) were the only other provinces to exceed the Canadian average. Declines among other provinces ranged from 1.4 percent in New Brunswick to 11.9 per cent in Saskatchewan.

BC led the country in growth in the number of small businesses between 2001 and 2006



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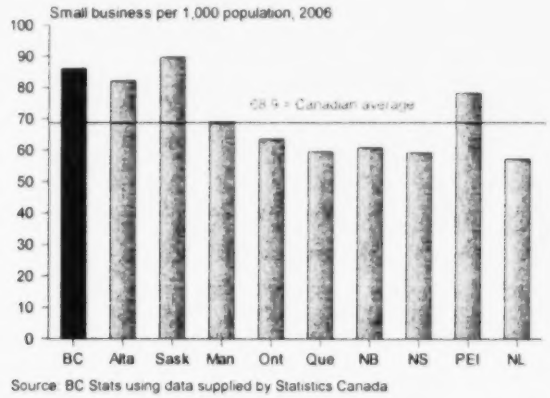
The small business count in the province expanded by an average of 7,300 per year from 2001 to 2006, translating to an average annual growth rate of 2.2 per cent. However, the rate of growth of small businesses overall lagged that of businesses with 50 or more employees. There was an average annual net increase in large businesses in the province of 2.6 per cent from 2001 to 2006.

Western Canada generally has more small businesses per capita

Small businesses are more prevalent in Western Canada compared to the rest of the country, at least in terms of businesses per capita. After surpassing Alberta for the first time in 2005, British Columbia held on to its ranking of second among the provinces in 2006, with 86.0 small businesses per 1,000 people. Saskatchewan had the highest ratio of small businesses to population with 89.7 per 1,000 people last year, followed by British Columbia, and Alberta (82.0). The only other provinces exceeding the Canadian average of 68.9 small businesses per 1,000 people were Prince Edward Island (78.1) and, marginally, Manitoba (69.0).

Small business is bigger in western Canada



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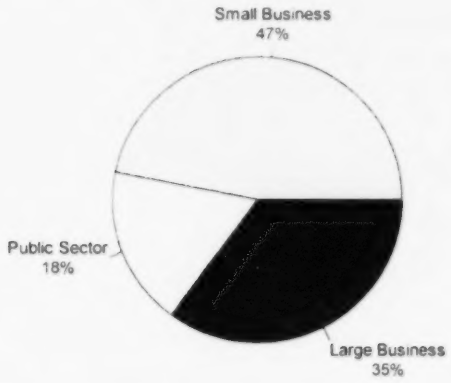
Small business accounts for nearly half of all jobs in the province

There is a wide variety of activities in which small businesses in British Columbia are engaged, ranging from family-owned corner stores, to self-employed computer programmers to small lumber milling operations. Almost three-quarters of all businesses in the province are in service sector industries, with small businesses just as likely to be providing a service as large businesses.

British Columbia's small business sector was the source of approximately 1,025,600 jobs in

2006. This accounts for almost half (47 per cent) of all the jobs (2,195,500) in the province. The private sector (including both small and large businesses) employed 1,804,300 people in British Columbia in 2006, of which 57 per cent were in small business, a ratio that has remained essentially unchanged over the past seven years. In 2006, self-employed workers represented 23 per cent of total private sector employment. Of those people who were employed by a business, 34 per cent worked for a small business and the remaining 43 per cent were employees of large businesses.

Almost half the working people in BC worked in small business



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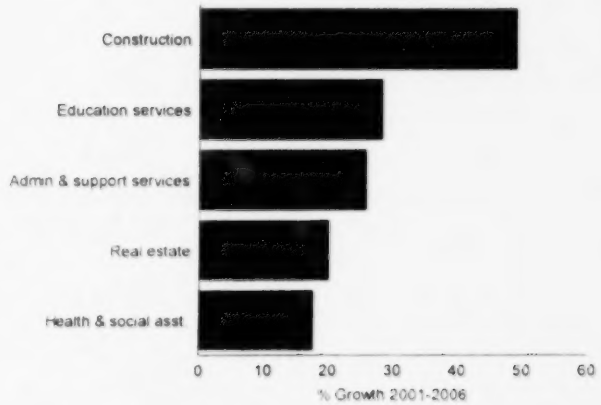
Small business employment in British Columbia climbed 1.5 per cent in 2006, marking the fifth straight year of growth. Both employees of small businesses and self-employed individuals have contributed to the expansion in employment in the last few years, although there was a slight decline in the number of self-employed in 2006 (-0.5 per cent).

The 1.5 per cent rise in small business employment in British Columbia between 2005 and 2006 remains among the strongest in the country and well above the Canadian average of 0.9 per cent. Other than British Columbia, only Prince Edward Island (+4.8 per cent) and Alberta (+1.5 per cent) had growth rates exceeding one per cent. The province's 2005 construction boom in both housing and other projects has carried through to 2006 and continues to play a role in the growth in small business employment in British Columbia.

Construction sector created the most new jobs between 2001 and 2006

Between 2001 and 2006, the construction industry was the largest provider of new small business jobs in British Columbia. Employment in this industry surged 49.1 per cent as the recent construction surge in the province created approximately 25,500 new jobs over the five year period. The retail trade sector also added a substantial number of new jobs, increasing its employment by 12.1 per cent and creating nearly 10,000 new jobs. In terms of growth rates, the educational services sector recorded the second most significant increase in employment (after the construction industry) over this period with a 28.3 per cent spike in employment (an addition of about 2,700 jobs).

Small business employment - fastest growing industries in British Columbia, 2001-2006



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Self-employment is on the rise

Over the last five years, the ratio of self-employed over total employment has remained relatively stable. In 2006, self-employment accounted for 18.8 per cent of total employment, down slightly from 2005 (19.5 per cent).

The growth in self-employment in the province has occurred most substantially within the group of self-employed without paid help (+41 per cent between 1996 and 2006). Over the last decade, the number of self-employed persons with employees expanded at a much slower rate (+6 per cent). However, in recent years, both classifications have exhibited similar signs of growth. Between 2001 and 2006, the number of self-employed without employees experienced a 19 per cent rise, while the number with employees climbed 16 per cent. Although it has always been common to see more self-employed individuals without paid help than those with employees, the disparity in number has become even more pronounced in recent years. This may in part be due to the recent growth in the number of new small businesses. Many small businesses begin with one individual running their own business, often from home. As they grow, they in turn take on employees.

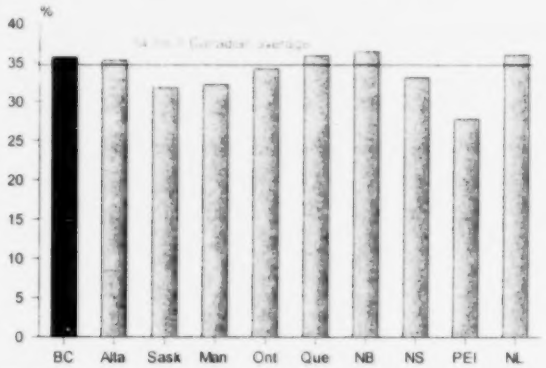
Self-employed characteristics differ from those of employees

On average, self-employed people tend to be older, are more often men, work longer hours and are less likely to be Aboriginal peoples compared to workers who are employees.

Well over half (58 per cent) of British Columbia's self-employed are between the ages of 35 and 54, compared to only 47 per cent of employees. While 41 per cent of employees are under the age of 35, only 17 per cent of self-employed business owners fit this description. At the other end of the scale, 25 per cent of entrepreneurs are aged 55 and over, compared to only 12 per cent of employees.

Another difference that emerges between self-employed persons versus employees is gender balance. While workers who are employees are equally likely to be men as women, those that are self-employed are more often men. In 2006, in British Columbia, almost two-thirds of the self-employed were men. As in the rest of the country, women entrepreneurs in British Columbia are making some important strides for business in the province. In 2006, 35.7 per cent of all business owners in British Columbia were women. This was above the national average of 34.8 per cent and the fourth highest rate among the provinces.

Proportion of BC small businesses owned by women is above the national average



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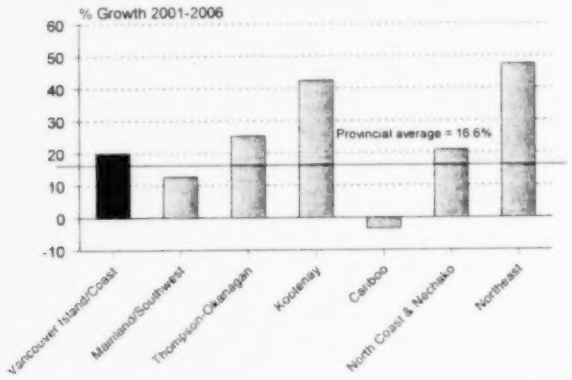
The Northeast region is BC's leader in small business growth

Over the last five years, six of British Columbia's seven regions recorded growth in the number of small businesses. As a result of

activity in the oil & gas sector, along with growing new industries, the Northeast region of British Columbia has been booming in recent years. This economic growth is reflected in rising numbers of small businesses in the area. Between 2001 and 2006, this region led the province in growth in the number of small businesses with an average annual growth rate of 6.3 per cent. This translates to an average increase of 400 businesses per year. The Kootenay region (+3.7 per cent) was second in terms of average annual growth, adding an average of 400 net new small businesses per year, followed by North Coast & Nechako (+3.1 per cent), which added an average of 200 small businesses annually.

Self-employment growth rate highest in Northeast



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In terms of actual numbers, Mainland/ Southwest (+1.9 per cent or 3,700 establishments) and Vancouver Island/Coast (+2.8 per cent or 1,600 establishments) added the most new businesses to the province. Only one region showed a decline in the number of small businesses – the Cariboo region (-1.0 per cent), which declined by an annual average of about 100 businesses.

The Northeast was also the region with the strongest growth in the number of self-employed between 2001 and 2006. The 47.5 per cent surge in self-employment in that region was slightly ahead of the 42.4 per cent rise recorded in the Kootenay region.

Continued growth

The growth in communications technologies such as the Internet has helped make the world a smaller place from the business sense. The small business sector is already an important part of the British Columbia economy and new technology could help it grow and become even more essential in the future.

It is inarguable that small business in BC has, in more ways than one, shown significant signs of growth in recent years. Indeed, small business appears poised to continue to expand and remains a vital and vibrant part of the province's economic landscape.

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Notes

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Some series subject to irregular fluctuations are presented on a **three month moving average** basis. All such series included in this report are also seasonally adjusted. Where space is limited these are tagged 3MMA SA.

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Abbreviations

3MMA SA: three month moving average, seasonally adjusted

Ave: average

bd ft: board feet

C6: a group of six currencies including European Monetary Union Euro, British pound, French franc, German mark, Swiss franc, and Japanese yen

Can: Canada, Canadian

GW.h.: gigawatt hour = watt hour x 10^9

m3: cubic metres

mil: million

MLS: Multiple Listing Service

Moly: molybdenum

mth: month (as in: previous mth)

NAICS: North American Industrial Classification System

SA: seasonally adjusted

T.S.E.: Toronto Stock Exhange

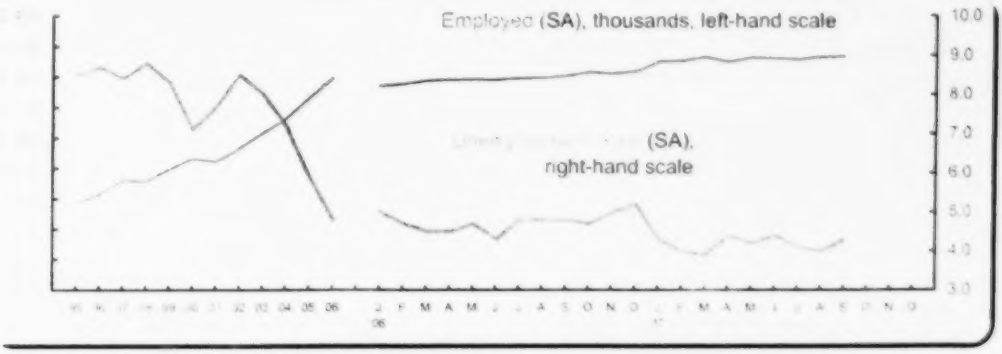
US: United States of America

WSPF: Western spruce-pine-fir

1 Labour and Earnings

Source: Statistics Canada

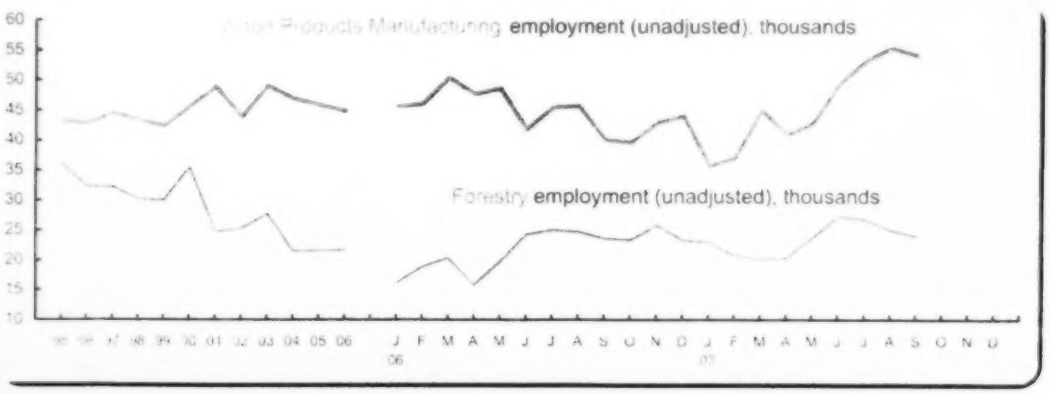
	Labour Force Activity					Earnings		Employment Insurance: Regular E.I. Benefits	
	Labour Force	Employed	Unemployment Rate	Participation Rate	Average Actual Hours Worked	Wages and Salaries	Average Weekly Wage Rate	Number of Beneficiaries	$
Period	Thousands of persons		%		Number	$ million	$	(Persons)	thousand
	Seasonally Adjusted (SA)				Unadjusted	SA		Unadjusted	
2003	2,190.7	2,014.7	8.0	65.6	31.8	65,310.1	683.68	813,520	1,059,531.1
2004	2,221.9	2,062.7	7.2	65.5	32.3	69,383.5	686.74	737,780	960,359.7
2005	2,263.4	2,130.5	5.9	65.6	32.6	74,448.5	704.49	638,940	837,431.4
2006	2,305.1	2,195.5	4.8	65.7	32.5	80,805.2	726.02	532,520	723,659.5
Jan-05	2,247.1	2,104.6	6.3	65.7	32.8	5,945.1	708.11	73,320	105,871.9
Feb-05	2,262.4	2,103.3	7.0	66.1	33.8	6,026.9	704.75	68,190	84,184.6
Mar-05	2,249.9	2,101.3	6.6	65.6	33.8	6,066.6	697.93	62,300	78,729.6
Apr-05	2,252.7	2,113.9	6.2	65.6	34.0	6,133.0	700.18	57,820	71,114.1
May-05	2,261.0	2,128.4	5.9	65.7	33.8	6,148.6	699.26	51,210	77,672.4
Jun-05	2,259.8	2,124.2	6.0	65.6	33.8	6,216.6	701.03	45,380	56,027.3
Jul-05	2,266.0	2,128.9	6.0	65.7	31.8	6,251.3	698.58	43,680	51,783.5
Aug-05	2,268.9	2,140.4	5.7	65.7	30.9	6,258.3	703.02	51,790	76,240.4
Sep-05	2,261.8	2,134.2	5.6	65.3	33.5	6,297.7	709.61	39,340	53,409.9
Oct-05	2,265.2	2,148.4	5.2	65.3	29.4	6,291.4	706.73	43,560	59,084.4
Nov-05	2,281.6	2,170.0	4.9	65.7	30.4	6,378.9	717.99	48,940	58,804.7
Dec-05	2,281.0	2,167.3	5.0	65.6	33.7	6,433.9	706.56	53,410	64,508.8
Jan-06	2,282.7	2,169.0	5.0	65.5	33.8	6,460.9	720.31	60,760	91,065.1
Feb-06	2,283.1	2,176.3	4.7	65.5	33.2	6,511.9	716.86	56,810	71,505.3
Mar-06	2,289.5	2,187.1	4.5	65.6	31.4	6,524.5	718.33	53,040	65,988.3
Apr-06	2,294.9	2,191.1	4.5	65.6	29.9	6,563.1	720.63	46,590	66,972.8
May-06	2,301.1	2,192.1	4.7	65.7	33.8	6,840.3	721.82	41,660	57,395.5
Jun-06	2,290.4	2,190.9	4.3	65.3	33.9	6,906.7	722.67	37,480	48,621.0
Jul-06	2,305.6	2,195.6	4.8	65.6	31.8	6,833.0	721.25	35,890	54,784.3
Aug-06	2,307.7	2,196.5	4.8	65.6	31.1	6,767.3	728.13	44,060	58,837.1
Sep-06	2,314.9	2,202.7	4.8	65.7	34.0	6,777.4	730.10	32,720	47,500.7
Oct-06	2,325.1	2,215.2	4.7	65.9	30.7	6,772.6	732.68	34,550	50,931.8
Nov-06	2,326.0	2,210.4	5.0	65.8	33.5	6,982.5	739.68	41,110	50,735.4
Dec-06	2,340.7	2,218.5	5.2	66.2	33.4	6,864.9	739.16	47,850	59,322.3
Jan-07	2,352.0	2,250.2	4.3	66.4	33.2	6,939.2	743.37	53,800	85,957.3
Feb-07	2,347.4	2,252.9	4.0	66.2	33.2	6,976.4	743.33	50,290	66,382.3
Mar-07	2,357.3	2,265.4	3.9	66.4	33.0	7,021.4	743.18	45,890	60,486.6
Apr-07	2,353.8	2,249.1	4.4	66.2	34.0	7,064.2	748.06	41,300	65,779.4
May-07	2,362.4	2,263.3	4.2	66.3	33.8	7,136.2	741.59	37,330	52,170.1
Jun-07	2,365.0	2,260.1	4.4	66.3	33.8	7,201.9	740.27	33,430	44,609.7
Jul-07	2,355.3	2,257.6	4.1	65.9	32.0	-	744.19	38,310	51,487.0
Aug-07	2,359.8	2,265.9	4.0	65.9	31.3	-	756.53	40,920	54,464.2
Sep-07	2,369.5	2,266.8	4.3	66.1	33.7	-	754.74	-	-
Oct-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 2,358.1	a 2,259.0	a 4.2	a 66.2	a 33.1	t 42,339.3	a 746.14	a 42,659	t 481.3
% change	2.7	3.2	n/a	n/a	1.7	6.4	3.3	-9.3	-6.6
Last 12 months	2,351.2	2,248.0	4.4	66.1	33.0	83,337.1	743.90	41,458	689,826.6
Previous 12	2,291.5	2,182.3	4.8	65.6	32.2	77,719.1	719.28	46,795	750,977.1
% change	2.6	3.0	n/a	n/a	2.4	7.2	3.4	-11.4	-8.1
% ch. year ago	2.4	2.9	n/a	n/a	-0.9	4.3	3.4	-7.1	-7.4
% ch. prev mnth	0.4	0.0	n/a	n/a	7.7	0.9	-0.2	6.8	5.8



2 Employment by Industry — Goods

Source: Statistics Canada. 2001 unadjusted data est. by BC Stats.

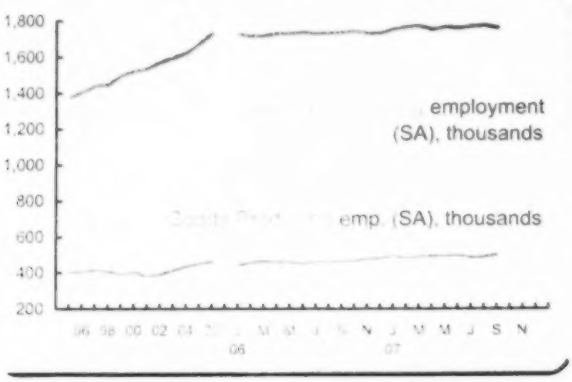
	Goods Producing	Agriculture	Forestry	Fishing & Trapping	Mining	Utilites	Construction	Manufacturing			
								Food	Wood	Paper	Total
	Thousands of persons										
Period	SA		Unadjusted			SA		Unadjusted			SA
2003	416.4	32.9	27.7	4.6	13.3	11.3	119.8	27.3	49.0	14.4	206.8
2004	436.9	36.9	21.5	2.9	11.1	9.2	144.0	25.6	46.9	12.0	211.2
2005	452.7	38.7	21.6	2.1	13.8	10.3	168.0	26.4	45.8	12.3	198.2
2006	463.9	34.7	21.7	2.7	19.4	8.6	19.5	19.5	44.8	15.1	197.5
Jan-05	461.0	40.4	19.2	-	13.8	8.1	165.3	33.3	39.2	12.5	209.7
Feb-05	459.8	40.4	22.5	1.6	12.7	9.5	167.1	33.6	42.9	12.4	204.2
Mar-05	447.4	39.2	19.5	-	14.3	10.2	163.7	30.4	43.7	12.9	198.4
Apr-05	454.4	40.5	21.8	-	12.0	10.4	167.8	26.9	41.2	13.8	195.4
May-05	451.0	37.7	25.3	3.1	12.4	12.9	165.8	27.7	42.4	13.8	193.4
Jun-05	452.9	39.7	25.4	4.9	12.8	13.3	167.0	24.9	46.0	11.0	193.1
Jul-05	456.6	42.5	23.7	2.0	14.4	13.0	166.6	30.3	50.1	12.5	196.0
Aug-05	448.1	38.0	23.8	1.7	14.6	11.2	167.6	27.4	49.5	12.7	194.5
Sep-05	444.8	35.6	21.6	1.7	13.7	10.3	165.8	23.2	47.0	9.6	197.5
Oct-05	445.2	36.8	22.1	3.2	14.3	9.7	167.5	21.2	51.7	9.9	194.2
Nov-05	456.0	34.2	16.7	1.6	15.6	8.2	172.4	18.6	48.1	13.2	206.6
Dec-05	456.3	39.5	17.8	2.5	15.0	7.3	179.3	19.0	47.6	13.0	193.5
Jan-06	442.9	34.3	16.1	3.5	17.3	8.6	168.6	15.7	45.6	12.2	190.4
Feb-06	459.6	36.0	18.8	3.5	15.4	8.0	174.3	19.5	46.0	12.8	202.1
Mar-06	467.3	36.2	20.3	2.6	14.9	7.2	177.3	18.7	50.4	12.2	206.8
Apr-06	460.2	35.7	15.8	2.5	16.2	6.6	177.7	22.3	47.7	14.4	200.7
May-06	460.3	35.4	19.6	2.8	18.2	8.1	175.1	21.5	48.6	18.4	201.1
Jun-06	452.5	32.3	24.3	3.8	17.6	8.8	176.7	17.6	41.8	17.8	192.9
Jul-06	464.2	34.2	25.0	2.8	18.0	9.2	183.7	17.1	45.5	15.2	195.1
Aug-06	461.0	33.7	24.7	3.7	20.8	9.0	183.2	17.4	45.7	16.3	189.9
Sep-06	465.4	34.0	23.6	1.8	23.6	8.9	183.0	20.7	40.1	17.8	192.1
Oct-06	468.8	33.8	23.3	2.4	24.4	10.0	181.6	21.3	39.7	14.6	196.4
Nov-06	479.2	35.6	25.8	-	24.4	9.8	182.7	19.7	43.0	15.2	198.6
Dec-06	483.3	36.0	23.3	1.6	21.4	9.3	186.5	22.3	44.1	13.7	203.2
Jan-07	493.6	35.5	23.1	1.7	24.0	7.9	192.8	21.3	35.8	14.3	204.8
Feb-07	484.2	35.7	20.7	-	23.9	9.3	186.5	20.3	37.2	15.9	204.5
Mar-07	493.2	33.5	20.2	1.9	20.0	8.2	190.9	22.4	45.1	16.7	215.3
Apr-07	495.7	31.9	20.3	4.0	18.7	8.7	194.0	25.1	41.0	16.5	211.9
May-07	495.5	34.9	23.7	3.0	18.7	8.2	200.0	25.3	42.9	17.9	206.3
Jun-07	498.7	34.7	27.3	1.8	21.0	9.3	198.7	22.4	49.4	14.5	209.9
Jul-07	486.8	35.6	26.8	2.2	19.8	11.8	187.7	21.6	53.3	16.3	205.8
Aug-07	490.4	34.4	25.0	6.1	19.7	11.4	196.3	22.1	55.4	16.4	201.4
Sep-07	502.7	37.9	24.0	3.5	18.5	10.6	199.6	24.5	54.2	14.4	209.6
Oct-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 493.4	a 34.9	a 23.5	a 2.7	a 20.5	a 9.5	a 194.1	a 22.8	a 46.0	a 15.9	a 207.7
% change	7.4	0.7	12.2	-10.4	13.8	14.8	9.2	20.2	0.7	4.2	5.6
Last 12 months	489.3	35.0	23.6	2.4	21.2	9.5	191.4	22.4	45.1	15.5	205.6
Previous 12	457.6	35.2	20.4	2.9	17.2	8.3	176.6	19.1	46.6	14.4	197.1
% change	6.9	-0.7	15.8	-17.8	23.0	15.0	8.4	17.0	-3.2	7.6	
% ch. year ago	8.0	11.5	1.7	94.4	-21.6	19.1	9.1	18.4	35.2	-19.1	9.1
% ch. prev mnth	2.5	10.2	-4.0	-42.6	-6.1	-7.0	1.7	10.9	-2.2	-12.2	4.1

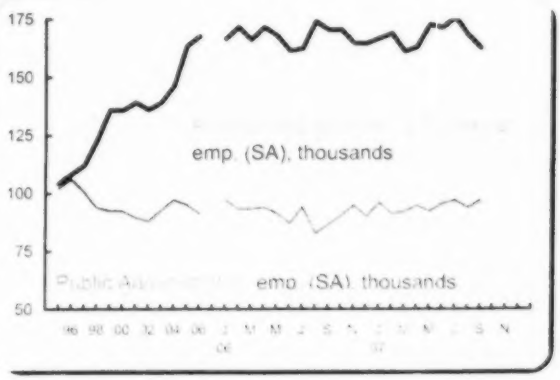


3 Employment by Industry – Services

Source: Statistics Canada.

Period	Service Producing Sectors	Trade	Transportation & Warehousing	Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	Professional Scientific Technical	Education	Health & Social Assistance	Information, Culture & Recreation	Accommodation	Public Administration
	Thousands of persons									
	Seasonally Adjusted									
2003	1,598.3	327.8	119.6	124.5	139.3	140.1	213.3	108.7	159.4	93.0
2004	1,625.8	315.8	116.5	129.2	146.3	135.9	219.2	114.8	175.3	97.2
2005	1,677.8	334.6	118.7	132.9	163.6	146.1	217.4	112.1	175.8	95.1
2006	1,731.6	353.7	119.5	138.0	167.6	156.0	113.2	113.2	170.5	91.3
Jan-05	1,643.5	324.4	114.5	128.3	155.9	138.0	220.4	109.6	176.6	93.1
Feb-05	1,643.5	322.3	112.2	130.9	161.7	144.0	218.9	104.7	167.4	94.1
Mar-05	1,653.8	326.8	113.8	137.3	163.1	143.6	216.4	102.0	167.3	93.9
Apr-05	1,659.5	321.3	110.9	131.7	167.2	149.2	213.7	102.4	179.7	94.3
May-05	1,677.4	326.6	118.2	134.9	167.3	149.5	208.3	102.7	178.5	102.9
Jun-05	1,671.3	319.8	115.0	139.8	171.5	150.8	209.7	110.5	174.2	97.4
Jul-05	1,672.3	322.4	126.7	135.6	163.8	152.5	211.9	107.2	180.9	95.2
Aug-05	1,692.3	339.1	123.5	137.0	164.3	149.6	220.2	109.1	174.4	96.9
Sep-05	1,689.4	342.6	125.9	127.4	158.1	148.7	220.7	117.9	176.8	96.1
Oct-05	1,703.2	361.3	122.8	129.2	159.6	139.7	225.1	119.7	177.2	92.4
Nov-05	1,714.0	354.2	122.3	131.9	166.6	142.8	225.7	128.1	175.6	91.0
Dec-05	1,711.0	354.0	117.6	131.1	164.5	147.0	218.2	128.2	179.2	94.2
Jan-06	1,726.1	355.5	124.6	128.0	166.5	152.1	210.6	123.8	179.0	97.1
Feb-06	1,716.6	363.1	128.1	129.4	171.6	151.3	213.2	113.2	173.9	93.3
Mar-06	1,719.8	358.8	124.9	132.7	166.1	153.5	224.3	119.6	162.4	93.5
Apr-06	1,730.9	364.8	123.2	129.5	171.4	153.0	224.1	121.2	167.0	94.0
May-06	1,731.8	362.4	121.4	132.3	168.0	152.1	237.3	116.9	167.8	91.5
Jun-06	1,738.4	368.0	121.3	136.4	161.3	154.8	243.7	115.0	167.6	87.1
Jul-06	1,731.4	345.0	114.5	141.7	162.3	160.5	245.4	112.0	166.3	94.2
Aug-06	1,735.5	347.3	115.2	145.1	174.0	156.0	242.1	108.1	169.5	82.7
Sep-06	1,737.3	349.1	115.3	141.1	170.3	157.6	238.1	108.4	171.9	86.7
Oct-06	1,746.4	344.7	114.0	143.4	170.5	160.0	238.9	109.4	176.3	90.5
Nov-06	1,731.2	345.3	114.8	148.8	164.6	159.7	229.1	106.1	172.9	94.9
Dec-06	1,735.3	340.4	117.2	147.7	164.5	162.3	239.2	105.6	170.8	90.0
Jan-07	1,756.6	352.1	121.2	137.6	166.8	156.1	233.9	113.6	179.8	96.0
Feb-07	1,768.7	359.1	131.3	139.9	168.9	159.9	243.2	116.2	173.1	91.4
Mar-07	1,772.2	355.0	125.6	149.2	161.1	162.9	248.5	123.5	173.5	92.2
Apr-07	1,753.4	351.5	124.5	145.2	163.0	158.7	241.6	123.3	167.4	94.8
May-07	1,767.8	363.4	125.4	149.4	172.7	159.5	234.4	123.3	169.0	92.4
Jun-07	1,761.4	365.3	124.3	148.0	171.3	152.3	242.0	112.0	174.1	95.7
Jul-07	1,770.8	376.1	126.2	150.0	175.9	141.9	239.1	112.0	169.5	97.1
Aug-07	1,775.5	379.2	123.6	149.2	168.2	143.6	235.3	117.5	182.9	93.9
Sep-07	1,764.2	366.3	120.8	143.8	162.7	159.3	236.5	113.5	172.8	96.9
Oct-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 1,765.6	a 363.1	a 124.8	a 145.8	a 167.8	a 154.9	a 239.4	a 117.2	a 173.6	a 94.5
% change	2.1	1.7	3.2	7.9	-0.1	0.2	3.6	1.6	2.4	3.7
Last 12 months	1,758.6	358.2	122.4	146.0	167.5	156.4	238.5	114.7	173.5	93.8
Previous 12	1,724.7	357.0	120.9	134.0	166.9	151.7	229.0	117.9	171.5	91.5
% change	2.0	0.3	1.2	8.9	0.4	3.1	4.1	-2.7	1.2	2.6
% ch. year ago	1.5	4.9	4.8	1.9	-4.5	1.1	-0.7	4.7	0.5	11.8
% ch. prev mnth	-0.6	-3.4	-2.3	-3.6	-3.3	10.9	0.5	-3.4	-5.5	3.2

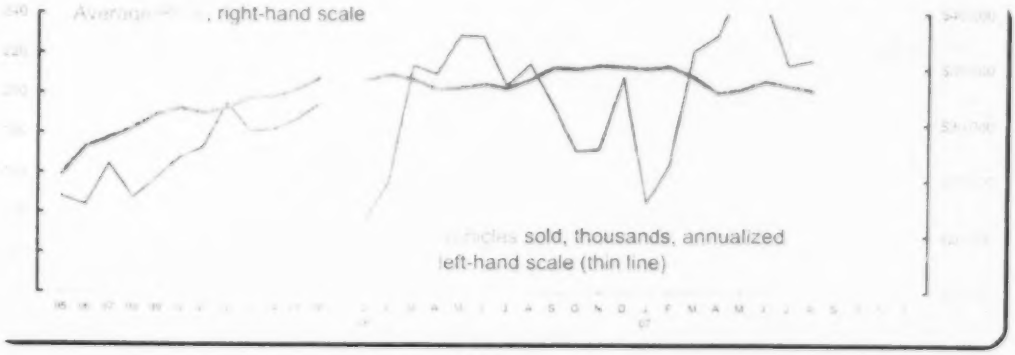




4 Business & Consumer

Incorporations/Corporate & Personal Registries
BC Gov. CPI, Retail, MV Sales/Statistics Canada

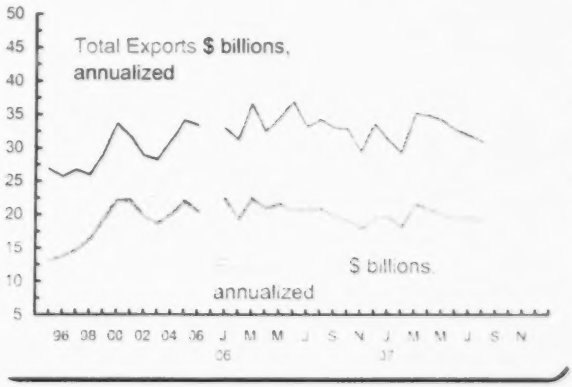
	Business				Consumer				
	Wholesale Sales	Business Incorporations	Bankruptcies (Office of Superintendent of Bankruptcy Canada)		Consumer Price Index (BC)	Retail Sales, All Stores		New Motor Vehicle Sales	
			Business	Consumer		British Columbia	Vancouver, Metropolitan	Units	Value
	$ million	Number			(2002=100)	$ million		Number	$ thousand
Period	SA	Unadjusted				SA	Unadjusted		
2003	39,658.9	23,243	1,002	9,385	102.2	44,421.0	-	180,924	5,868,376
2004	43,497.7	25,428	922	8,378	104.2	47,216.6	22,243.6	181,605	5,907,610
2005	47,277.0	28,593	786	8,173	106.3	49,286.3	22,702.6	186,581	6,192,896
2006	50,724.8	30,667	587	7,021	108.1	52,626.9	24,201.4	194,648	6,656,434
Jan-05	3,577.4	2,141	52	665	104.8	3,952.7	1,616.0	10,199	327,696
Feb-05	3,822.4	2,223	70	798	105.0	4,076.8	1,598.3	12,920	429,511
Mar-05	3,826.4	2,450	74	742	105.3	4,112.4	1,826.1	15,901	534,497
Apr-05	3,915.3	2,460	64	741	106.0	4,054.1	1,859.2	18,393	599,968
May-05	3,955.8	2,445	77	739	106.3	4,061.5	1,925.6	18,206	603,311
Jun-05	3,962.1	2,584	61	707	106.4	4,067.9	2,009.2	19,041	641,782
Jul-05	3,886.2	2,220	60	628	106.6	4,111.5	1,951.6	18,002	588,427
Aug-05	4,023.6	2,331	76	647	106.8	4,160.1	1,936.7	17,153	558,325
Sep-05	4,095.3	2,419	66	670	107.3	4,155.0	1,925.8	14,607	480,814
Oct-05	3,972.3	2,408	66	615	107.1	4,157.4	1,856.7	13,167	441,516
Nov-05	4,060.5	2,469	60	710	107.1	4,205.3	1,860.2	13,592	463,435
Dec-05	4,179.5	2,443	60	517	106.7	4,171.7	2,337.2	15,400	523,614
Jan-06	4,226.1	2,477	61	581	106.6	4,238.4	1,685.3	11,414	388,497
Feb-06	4,157.4	2,602	63	655	106.7	4,265.2	1,656.2	12,938	446,617
Mar-06	4,226.3	2,879	65	707	107.2	4,285.7	1,922.0	17,823	606,929
Apr-06	4,137.5	2,407	53	607	107.8	4,355.1	1,929.2	17,464	580,528
May-06	4,180.2	2,862	58	632	108.7	4,435.0	2,147.4	19,071	636,307
Jun-06	4,156.2	2,715	48	646	108.7	4,372.1	2,175.5	19,035	640,784
Jul-06	4,145.7	2,364	37	484	108.8	4,459.6	2,119.3	16,976	565,047
Aug-06	4,489.6	2,518	32	577	109.0	4,468.5	2,112.7	17,871	609,142
Sep-06	4,267.5	2,517	50	583	108.4	4,427.6	2,035.4	16,169	568,177
Oct-06	4,335.1	2,509	42	587	108.3	4,455.4	1,968.1	14,239	498,743
Nov-06	4,143.3	2,454	41	526	108.7	4,381.2	1,967.9	14,309	505,321
Dec-06	4,260.1	2,363	37	437	108.8	4,483.2	2,482.4	17,339	610,342
Jan-07	4,341.2	2,527	50	551	109.0	4,543.1	1,814.9	12,108	424,613
Feb-07	4,390.6	2,520	33	609	109.1	4,556.6	1,778.3	13,650	481,128
Mar-07	4,394.3	2,683	35	636	109.5	4,640.6	2,075.6	18,424	631,786
Apr-07	4,319.3	2,398	42	574	109.9	4,664.5	2,084.9	19,038	626,039
May-07	4,409.9	2,887	42	606	110.5	4,725.1	2,301.5	21,207	704,150
Jun-07	4,589.8	2,821	44	553	110.3	4,733.3	2,250.8	20,505	695,618
Jul-07	4,731.5	2,455	36	526	110.5	4,732.7	2,164.4	17,836	597,653
Aug-07	4,500.8	2,577	34	494	110.4	4,726.7	2,203.7	18,042	597,486
Sep-07	-	2,407	-	-	110.5	-	-	-	-
Oct-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 35,677.3	t 23,275	t 316	t 4,549	a 110.0	t 37,322.7	t 16,674.0	t 140,810	t 4,758,473
% change	5.8	-0.3	-24.2	-7.0	1.8	7.0	5.9	6.2	6.4
Last 12 months	52,683.3	30,601	486	6,682	109.6	55,070.1	25,127.8	202,866	6,941,056
Previous 12	50,026.6	30,661	669	7,401	107.7	51,568.8	23,727.5	189,358	6,383,230
% change	5.3	-0.2	-27.4	-9.7	1.8	6.8	5.9	7.1	8.7
% ch. year ago	0.3	-4.4	6.3	-14.4	1.9	5.8	4.3	1.0	-1.9
% ch. prev mnth	-4.9	-6.6	-5.6	-6.1	0.1	-0.1	1.8	1.2	0.0

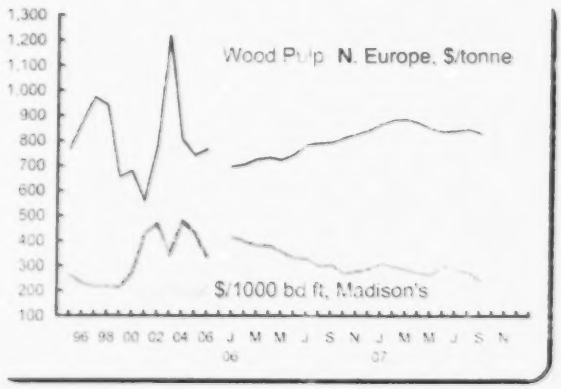


5 Foreign Trade & Commodities

Exports, Imports/Statistics Canada. Lumber/Madison's. Metals/London Metal Exchange. Oil/W Texas Intermed.

	BC Origin Exports to			Imports	Commodity Prices in Canadian $ (conversion to $C by Treasury Board Staff)						
	Total All Countries	United States	Japan	through BC ports	Lumber WSPF Madison's	Wood Pulp N. Europe	Copper London	Gold London	Silver London	Zinc London	Crude Oil
	$ million				$/1000 bd ft	$/tonne	$/lb.	$/troy oz.	$ troy oz.	$/lb.	$ per Barrel
Period	Unadjusted										
2003	28,264.4	18,792.3	3,660.0	31,269.6	344.86	1,218.08	1.13	507.90	6.81	6.28	43.71
2004	30,991.6	20,121.2	3,805.1	32,879.2	480.11	804.60	1.68	531.61	8.64	7.37	53.73
2005	34,101.4	22,034.2	4,163.8	35,295.5	430.78	741.26	2.02	538.18	8.86	0.75	68.28
2006	33,421.3	20,463.6	4,706.8	38,888.2	336.67	764.05	3.46	685.14	13.12	1.69	74.94
Jan-05	2,386.2	1,528.5	265.4	2,525.1	447.25	767.06	1.76	519.58	8.10	0.69	57.39
Feb-05	2,472.5	1,601.1	301.7	2,675.2	516.94	785.95	1.82	524.69	8.71	0.74	59.47
Mar-05	2,716.6	1,806.8	307.6	3,057.2	507.11	788.03	1.86	528.16	8.83	0.75	66.05
Apr-05	2,734.6	1,837.4	301.9	2,868.5	473.40	794.76	1.90	530.57	8.80	0.73	65.56
May-05	2,896.2	1,854.1	376.9	3,011.7	444.45	783.44	1.85	529.69	8.81	0.70	62.56
Jun-05	3,023.8	1,852.5	404.1	3,073.4	444.00	750.33	1.98	534.11	9.18	0.72	69.77
Jul-05	2,765.6	1,896.0	337.1	2,636.8	413.29	726.31	2.01	518.99	8.57	0.66	71.78
Aug-05	3,156.0	1,955.2	373.7	3,198.8	362.41	706.76	2.07	527.28	8.48	0.71	78.23
Sep-05	2,963.8	1,855.7	427.4	3,204.3	403.91	687.71	2.06	537.04	8.42	0.74	77.21
Oct-05	2,996.8	1,987.3	327.6	3,248.0	368.58	698.30	2.17	553.24	9.03	0.79	73.45
Nov-05	2,866.2	1,933.2	297.6	3,070.2	392.12	709.83	2.29	562.92	9.30	0.86	68.86
Dec-05	3,122.8	1,926.4	442.8	2,726.5	395.90	696.60	2.41	591.83	10.03	0.96	69.00
Jan-06	2,743.1	1,863.9	322.1	2,912.4	414.31	695.53	2.49	636.35	10.59	1.10	75.81
Feb-06	2,603.2	1,617.9	317.4	2,797.4	397.52	704.27	2.59	637.63	10.95	1.15	70.81
Mar-06	3,051.0	1,870.4	413.3	3,364.1	381.94	724.53	2.74	644.78	12.01	1.30	72.80
Apr-06	2,704.0	1,749.4	391.7	3,317.1	380.88	730.87	3.32	698.45	14.43	1.60	79.71
May-06	2,871.5	1,799.8	409.9	3,533.1	356.14	723.37	4.06	749.32	14.92	1.80	78.71
Jun-06	3,075.8	1,718.2	599.2	3,211.7	331.93	744.05	3.66	664.04	12.03	1.63	79.04
Jul-06	2,767.5	1,738.1	339.3	3,183.3	327.48	783.69	3.96	715.64	12.68	1.71	84.03
Aug-06	2,855.1	1,746.0	469.7	3,636.6	301.93	789.49	3.91	707.40	13.62	1.70	81.69
Sep-06	2,753.7	1,649.5	363.7	3,288.8	304.72	792.48	3.86	667.68	13.04	1.72	71.29
Oct-06	2,739.6	1,597.7	369.8	3,609.3	271.99	811.46	3.85	661.11	13.05	1.96	66.45
Nov-06	2,453.9	1,492.4	319.9	3,132.3	279.50	827.15	3.62	713.34	14.69	2.26	67.46
Dec-06	2,802.9	1,620.2	390.7	2,902.0	291.71	841.69	3.49	725.89	15.40	2.31	71.52
Jan-07	2,602.3	1,650.7	329.4	3,066.2	310.45	867.84	3.03	742.21	15.10	2.02	64.17
Feb-07	2,439.8	1,512.0	306.7	2,849.5	298.52	882.68	3.03	778.20	16.28	1.77	69.37
Mar-07	2,932.2	1,800.6	402.2	3,327.3	286.23	886.72	3.42	765.07	15.34	1.73	70.75
Apr-07	2,903.1	1,737.8	415.7	3,191.0	271.09	871.10	3.99	770.82	15.57	1.83	72.56
May-07	2,847.5	1,672.1	425.6	3,063.8	266.06	849.64	3.83	731.24	14.40	1.91	69.48
Jun-07	2,728.9	1,624.7	363.7	3,258.9	303.57	836.16	3.63	698.20	13.94	1.74	71.88
Jul-07	2,654.6	1,625.9	308.7	3,345.9	284.64	839.22	3.80	698.79	13.55	1.69	77.91
Aug-07	2,584.3	1,609.0	296.5	3,486.5	276.20	846.58	3.60	704.15	13.01	1.56	76.60
Sep-07	-	-	-	-	244.03	831.56	3.57	730.41	13.18	1.34	81.96
Oct-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 21,692.6	t 13,232.6	t 2,848.5	t 25,589.1	a 282.31	a 856.83	a 3.54	a 735.45	a 14.49	a 1.73	a 72.74
% change	-4.3	-6.2	-12.7	-1.4	-20.5	15.3	4.3	8.1	14.1	13.7	-5.7
Last 12 months	32,442.6	19,592.4	4,292.6	38,521.6	282.00	849.32	3.57	726.62	14.46	1.84	71.68
Previous 12	34,621.0	21,806.5	4,758.1	38,204.8	362.79	732.75	3.12	652.44	11.89	1.36	75.43
% change	-6.3	-10.2	-9.8	0.8	-22.3	15.9	14.4	11.4	21.7	35.5	
% ch. year ago	-9.5	-7.9	-36.9	-4.1	-19.9	4.9	-7.5	9.4	1.1	-22.1	15.0
% ch. prev mnth	-2.6	-1.0	-4.0	4.2	-11.6	-1.8	-0.8	3.7	1.3	-14.1	7.0

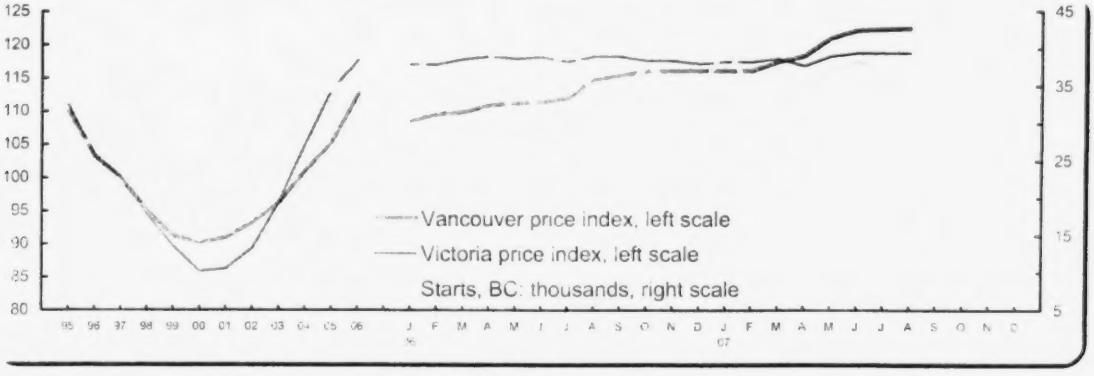




6 Construction and Housing

Housing Starts/Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation. MLS/Multiple Listing Service.

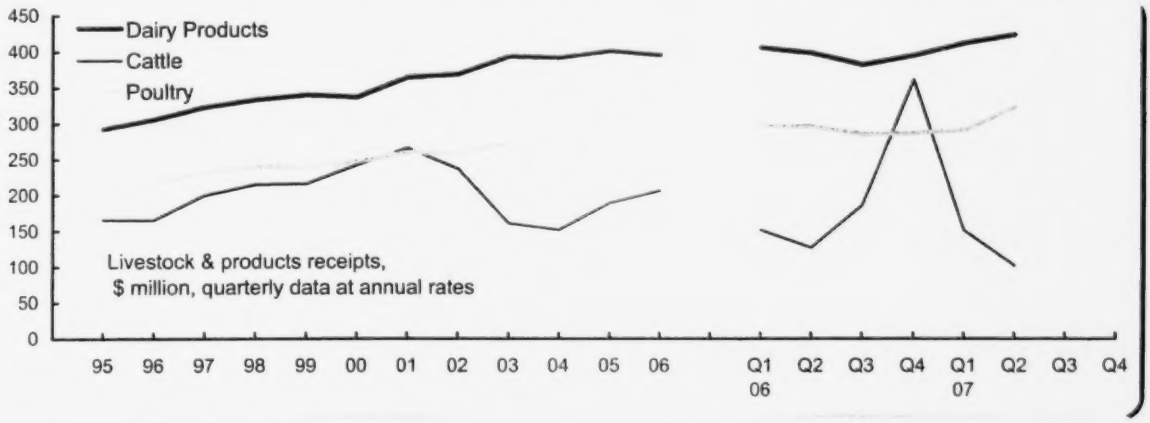
	Building Permits (Source: Statistics Canada)					Housing Starts	New House Price Index (Source: Statistics Canada)		MLS® Average
	Total	Residential	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional & Government	All Areas	Vancouver,	Victoria	Sale Price
	$ thousand					Thousands	1997=100		$
Period	Seasonally Adjusted					SAAR	Unadjusted		
2003	6,394,238	4,514,185	244,024	1,129,623	506,406	26.2	96.3	96.3	259,835
2004	7,938,727	5,868,937	328,050	1,228,027	513,713	32.9	101.0	105.1	288,967
2005	10,182,924	6,970,787	346,203	1,886,405	979,529	34.7	105.4	113.3	332,137
2006	11,541,532	7,620,696	358,843	2,493,684	1,068,309	36.4	112.7	117.7	390,760
Jan-05	620,249	443,858	20,733	103,018	52,640	28.9	102.7	108.4	292,038
Feb-05	670,577	473,142	14,618	144,956	37,861	30.4	102.8	109.3	311,563
Mar-05	956,115	575,025	29,540	245,987	105,563	33.6	102.8	109.9	320,262
Apr-05	796,349	539,642	24,761	191,893	40,053	29.9	104.5	109.8	323,674
May-05	841,707	540,845	18,409	173,797	108,656	35.8	105.9	111.0	331,021
Jun-05	902,724	549,784	41,145	189,914	121,881	31.5	105.9	112.0	330,291
Jul-05	820,562	529,744	44,321	112,545	133,952	36.7	106.3	113.0	334,685
Aug-05	961,809	681,065	37,498	133,297	109,949	37.3	106.4	116.2	334,556
Sep-05	862,010	601,513	16,409	185,328	58,760	39.8	106.8	117.6	348,803
Oct-05	993,132	769,178	24,918	120,825	78,211	37.5	106.8	117.7	341,203
Nov-05	713,251	511,474	31,774	93,943	76,060	33.9	107.0	117.9	345,741
Dec-05	1,044,437	755,516	42,077	190,901	55,943	39.0	107.3	117.0	356,011
Jan-06	700,446	489,980	14,958	122,712	72,796	35.3	108.6	117.0	356,448
Feb-06	750,392	500,436	28,399	140,661	80,896	41.6	109.5	117.0	367,967
Mar-06	1,105,158	702,985	24,400	200,259	177,514	41.6	109.9	117.8	383,715
Apr-06	803,152	556,392	20,940	177,006	48,814	39.4	110.9	118.2	388,889
May-06	993,687	579,184	25,203	234,791	154,509	29.7	111.2	117.9	398,796
Jun-06	1,033,639	702,339	51,555	207,378	72,367	34.6	111.4	118.1	399,835
Jul-06	935,297	601,488	23,907	234,577	75,325	41.8	112.0	117.4	387,434
Aug-06	985,931	671,778	39,180	200,776	74,197	33.4	114.8	118.2	393,334
Sep-06	928,653	686,239	43,272	146,799	52,343	33.8	115.4	118.2	396,426
Oct-06	1,183,657	657,863	22,740	401,558	101,496	37.9	116.0	117.6	410,728
Nov-06	1,279,092	856,101	47,232	269,652	106,107	35.1	116.1	117.6	400,939
Dec-06	842,427	615,911	17,057	157,514	51,945	34.1	116.1	117.1	401,078
Jan-07	1,073,480	717,364	21,902	222,134	112,080	40.5	116.1	117.4	395,958
Feb-07	836,917	501,840	25,323	264,301	45,453	34.2	116.1	117.4	412,932
Mar-07	1,057,081	717,199	22,955	240,447	76,480	37.5	117.4	117.9	428,949
Apr-07	976,816	691,827	23,940	226,653	34,396	34.9	118.3	116.8	431,945
May-07	1,343,879	923,765	18,311	300,879	100,924	37.4	121.0	118.3	454,948
Jun-07	1,303,834	809,353	35,646	335,527	123,308	38.4	122.1	118.7	445,747
Jul-07	1,010,249	733,894	30,311	175,972	70,072	36.5	122.3	118.7	446,386
Aug-07	1,013,357	682,905	41,026	198,703	90,723	38.5	122.4	118.7	439,931
Sep-07	-	-	-	-	-	43.9	-	-	445,205
Oct-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 8,615,613	t 5,778,147	t 219,414	t 1,964,616	t 653,436	a 38.0	a 119.5	a 118.0	a 433,556
% change	17.9	20.3	-4.0	29.4	-13.6	3.2	7.6	0.2	12.4
Last 12 months	12,849,442	8,594,261	349,715	2,940,139	965,327	37.4	118.3	117.9	426,229
Previous 12	10,920,532	7,442,263	343,720	2,109,157	1,025,392	36.8	109.7	117.7	376,317
% change	17.7	15.5	1.7	39.4	-5.9	1.7	7.8	0.2	13.3
% ch. year ago	2.8	1.7	4.7	-1.0	22.3	29.9	6.6	0.4	12.3
% ch. prev mnth	0.3	-6.9	35.4	12.9	29.5	14.0	0.1	0.0	1.2

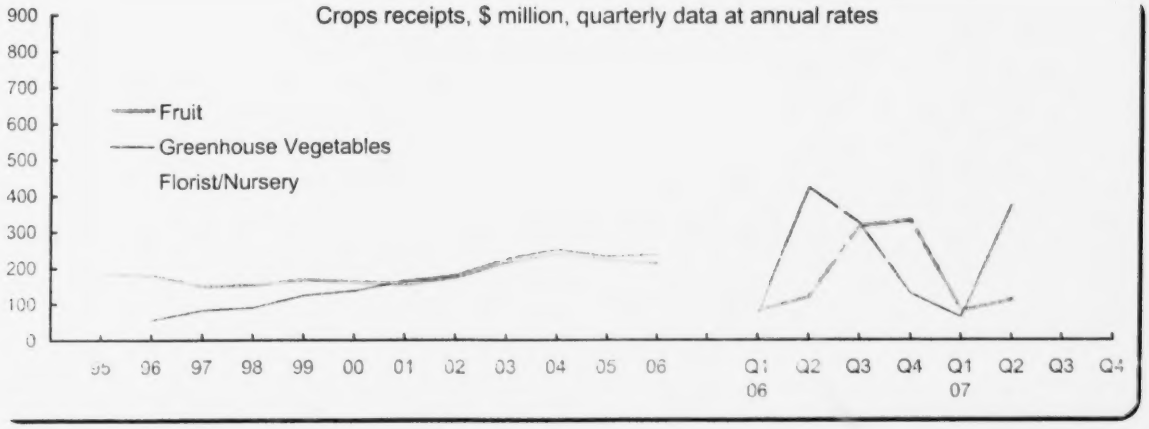


7 Agriculture

Farm Cash Receipts (Source: Statistics Canada)

Period	Livestock and Products					Crops					Total
	Dairy Products	Cattle	Poultry	Other	Total	Fruit	Greenhouse Vegetables	Florist/ Nursery	Other	Total	Farm Cash Receipts
	$ thousand										
	Unadjusted										
2003	393,102	160,624	273,039	254,821	1,081,586	215,496	226,209	459,244	241,335	1,142,284	2,283,276
2004	391,731	151,498	228,146	240,324	1,011,699	239,330	251,117	465,246	246,795	1,202,488	2,401,739
2005	400,632	188,701	306,837	277,238	1,173,408	220,254	231,225	398,465	246,865	1,096,809	2,390,445
2006	395,346	206,486	291,699	256,875	1,150,406	212,481	236,457	401,656	236,090	1,086,684	2,342,236
Q1-05	101,163	27,518	76,294	56,648	261,623	20,966	15,543	99,614	51,252	187,375	490,157
Q2-05	100,652	27,949	77,676	46,092	252,369	35,468	100,356	194,509	38,453	368,786	669,303
Q3-05	98,163	41,094	78,557	63,121	280,935	82,659	81,427	28,927	75,009	268,022	557,889
Q4-05	100,654	92,140	74,310	111,377	378,481	81,161	33,899	75,415	82,151	272,626	673,096
Q1-06	101,403	37,937	74,385	59,078	272,803	20,795	17,699	100,412	49,430	188,336	491,808
Q2-06	99,642	31,717	74,020	50,929	256,308	30,090	105,586	196,067	36,467	368,210	647,695
Q3-06	95,521	46,449	71,477	59,503	272,950	78,740	81,033	29,160	80,391	269,324	564,845
Q4-06	98,780	90,383	71,817	87,365	348,345	82,856	32,139	76,017	69,802	260,814	637,888
Q1-07	103,048	37,809	72,884	50,550	264,291	20,365	15,832	102,044	56,323	194,564	494,072
Q2-07	106,074	25,495	81,195	43,250	256,014	28,090	93,996	199,255	41,252	362,593	647,434
Q3-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Q4-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 209,122	t 63,304	t 154,079	t 93,800	t 520,305	t 48,455	t 109,828	t 301,299	t 97,575	t 557,157	t 1,141,506
% change	4.0	-9.1	3.8	-14.7	-1.7	-4.8	-10.9	1.6	13.6	0.1	0.2
Last 4 quarters	403,423	200,136	297,373	240,668	1,141,600	210,051	223,000	406,476	247,768	1,087,295	2,344,239
Previous 4	399,862	202,888	301,272	284,505	1,188,527	214,705	238,611	400,821	243,057	1,097,194	2,370,488
% change	0.9	-1.4	-1.3	-15.4	-3.9	-2.2	-6.5	1.4	1.9	-0.9	-1.1
% ch. year ago	6.5	-19.6	9.7	-15.1	-0.1	-6.6	-11.0	1.6	13.1	-1.5	0.0
% ch. prev qtr	2.9	-32.6	11.4	-14.4	-3.1	37.9	493.7	95.3	-26.8	86.4	31.0

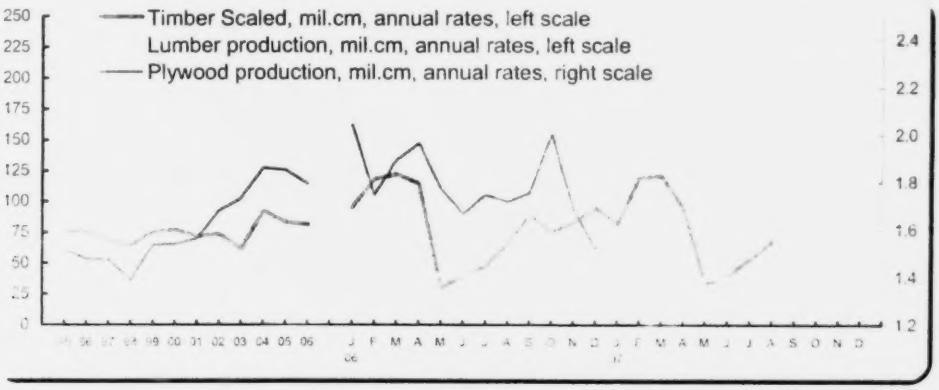




8 Forestry & Fibre

Timber/Ministry of Forests. Lumber and Plywood/Statistics Canada.
Pulp and Paper/Pulp and Paper Products Council.

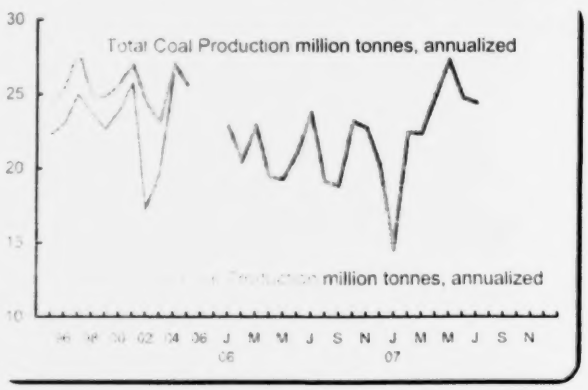
		Production					Shipments			
	Timber Scaled	Lumber	Ply-wood	News-print	Other Paper	Total Paper	Market Pulp	News-print	Other paper	Total
Period	Cubic metres (000s)		Cubic metres	Thousands of tonnes			Thousands of tonnes			
	Unadjusted									
2003	61,925	36,030.9	1,733,080	1,190	1,692	2,882	4,762	1,186	1,733	7,609
2004	92,361	39,879.3	1,863,057	1,144	1,843	2,987	4,724	1,135	1,841	7,698
2005	83,134	41,012.9	1,852,861	1,068	1,869	2,937	4,932	1,076	1,877	7,887
2006	81,526	41,050.7	1,794,769	1,058	1,941	2,999	4,736	1,059	1,960	7,756
Jan-05	6,849	3,496.5	162,852	90	162	252	390	85	156	631
Feb-05	7,966	3,393.5	141,470	87	146	233	371	90	151	612
Mar-05	9,031	3,452.2	147,391	90	151	241	398	96	151	646
Apr-05	7,460	3,804.3	167,804	86	159	245	392	92	157	641
May-05	3,925	3,269.7	151,197	85	141	226	386	84	147	618
Jun-05	4,373	3,509.2	154,568	84	151	235	423	88	149	660
Jul-05	7,536	3,516.2	159,965	92	159	251	354	65	146	565
Aug-05	7,023	3,345.1	156,962	84	162	246	461	95	168	724
Sep-05	7,452	3,405.1	147,067	84	160	244	443	97	158	698
Oct-05	7,877	3,610.2	166,820	92	169	261	447	92	173	712
Nov-05	6,080	3,248.9	154,939	94	155	249	385	90	171	646
Dec-05	7,562	2,962.0	141,826	100	154	254	482	102	150	734
Jan-06	7,933	3,822.7	170,242	93	163	256	427	86	150	664
Feb-06	9,858	3,463.7	145,706	89	149	238	418	89	149	656
Mar-06	10,169	3,783.6	158,070	87	170	257	388	98	182	667
Apr-06	9,551	3,673.2	163,817	89	165	254	391	85	151	627
May-06	2,496	3,357.8	147,854	84	167	251	380	85	175	641
Jun-06	3,391	3,359.7	139,026	95	155	250	428	96	168	692
Jul-06	4,013	3,516.3	145,679	88	164	252	381	80	164	626
Aug-06	5,495	3,311.0	143,224	86	163	249	402	95	169	666
Sep-06	7,425	3,304.6	146,236	85	162	247	421	80	164	664
Oct-06	6,281	3,614.4	167,162	86	168	254	408	81	172	661
Nov-06	6,992	3,178.8	140,903	84	159	243	337	84	158	579
Dec-06	7,922	2,664.9	126,850	92	156	248	355	100	158	613
Jan-07	6,829	3,467.8	X	78	156	234	415	74	161	650
Feb-07	9,954	3,215.9	X	78	154	232	391	71	145	607
Mar-07	10,070	3,438.5	X	90	157	247	365	83	160	608
Apr-07	7,863	3,398.8	X	81	170	251	452	92	166	710
May-07	2,823	3,160.1	X	77	159	236	379	87	159	624
Jun-07	3,359	3,224.5	X	83	154	237	363	82	152	596
Jul-07	4,457	3,290.8	-	89	168	257	420	79	160	659
Aug-07	5,684	2,867.1	-	65	154	219	405	67	155	627
Sep-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 51,039	t 26,064	X	t 641	t 1,272	t 1,913	t 3,190	t 635	t 1,258	t 5,081
% change	-3.5	-7.9	X	-9.8	-1.9	-4.7	-0.8	-11.1	-3.8	-3.0
Last 12 months	79,659	38,826	X	988	1,917	2,905	4,711	980	1,910	7,598
Previous 12	81,877	41,514	1,852,294	1,081	1,934	3,015	4,972	1,095	1,960	8,029
% change	-2.7	-6.5	X	-8.6	-0.9	-3.6	-5.2	-10.5	-2.6	-5.4
% ch. year ago	3.4	-13.4	X	-24.4	-5.5	-12.0	0.7	-29.5	-8.3	-5.9
% ch prev mnth	27.5	-12.9	X	-27.0	-8.3	-14.8	-3.6	-15.2	-3.1	-4.9

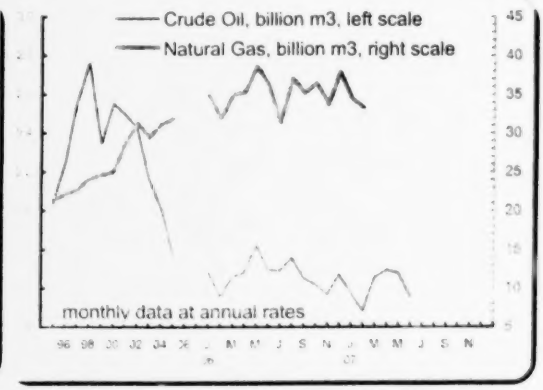


9 Mining and Energy

Coal/Statistics Canada (total) & Min. of Energy and Mines. Metals/Ministry of Energy and Mines & Natural Resources Canada. Energy/Statistics Canada

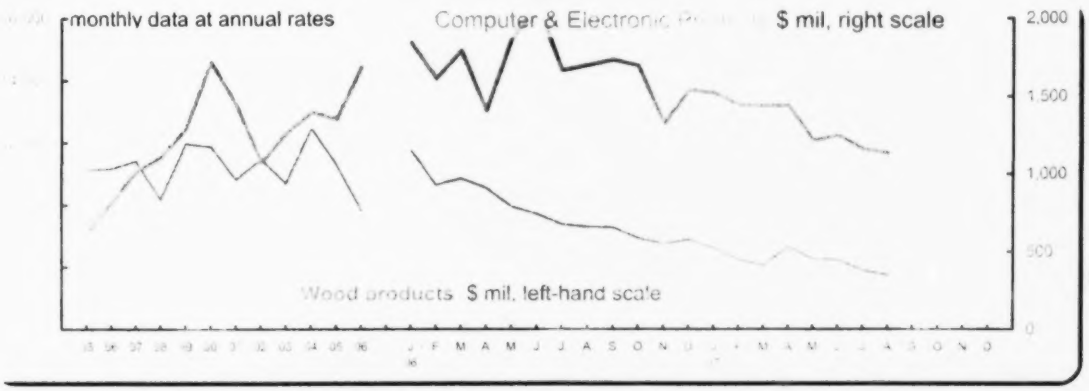
	Coal			Base Metal				Precious Metal		Energy		
Period	Thermal	Metal-lurgical	Total	Copper	Lead	Zinc	Moly	Gold	Silver	Natural Gas	Crude Oil	Electricity
	Thousands of tonnes			Million kilograms				Million grams		Million m3	Thousand m3	MW.h
	Unadjusted											
2003	1,137.6	19,641.3	23,061.0	245.5	20.0	65.7	8.9	22.9	676.9	29,483.4	2,168.2	63,050,922
2004	874.3	26,369.1	27,082.0	244.1	2.6	45.0	9.9	20.4	616.8	31,201.3	2,019.0	60,495,613
2005	-	-	25,571.0	289.4	3.7	49.2	7.7	16.7	451.0	31,892.8	1,765.7	67,811,173
2006	-	-	21,131.0	292.3	2.6	32.9	15.6	15.6	356.0	35,291.7	1,670.6	62,021,396
Jan-05	26.9	1,769.1	1,849.0	17.2	0.1	3.2	0.6	1.0	40.9	2,516.5	153.4	6,496,806
Feb-05	25.9	2,056.2	2,111.0	20.7	0.6	3.5	0.7	1.3	49.9	2,337.6	146.8	5,434,946
Mar-05	65.4	2,235.3	2,301.0	24.7	0.5	5.7	0.6	1.4	34.9	2,640.3	160.7	5,020,743
Apr-05	87.7	2,116.7	2,204.0	22.4	0.2	4.6	0.9	1.5	47.4	2,698.5	152.4	4,830,959
May-05	71.3	2,237.2	2,308.0	23.5	0.5	6.1	0.7	1.2	43.1	2,760.2	155.6	4,522,054
Jun-05	66.8	2,389.2	2,469.0	24.0	0.0	0.8	0.6	1.4	38.3	2,501.0	141.2	4,760,809
Jul-05	97.6	2,041.8	2,230.0	25.9	0.4	6.5	0.6	1.5	31.4	2,654.7	145.4	5,977,746
Aug-05	90.3	2,068.6	2,134.0	23.7	0.7	5.9	0.6	1.7	44.4	2,987.0	147.0	6,430,972
Sep-05	46.0	2,070.2	2,107.0	25.3	-	-	0.7	1.4	33.0	2,645.4	135.3	5,612,686
Oct-05	65.1	2,239.1	2,316.0	26.6	0.1	5.4	0.6	1.3	23.9	2,750.7	144.4	5,764,107
Nov-05	-	-	1,789.0	24.6	0.1	4.4	0.6	1.4	23.0	2,663.1	140.9	6,197,971
Dec-05	-	-	1,753.0	30.8	0.4	3.1	0.5	1.7	40.6	2,737.8	142.6	6,761,374
Jan-06	-	-	1,903.0	25.1	0.3	4.6	0.7	0.9	26.9	2,910.1	140.6	5,521,862
Feb-06	-	-	1,704.0	20.4	-	-	0.6	1.4	45.2	2,654.9	129.4	5,159,023
Mar-06	-	-	1,909.0	25.5	0.4	6.0	0.7	1.7	32.8	2,914.8	138.2	5,314,787
Apr-06	-	-	1,613.0	22.9	-	-	0.5	1.2	22.3	2,938.5	140.0	4,635,925
May-06	-	-	1,607.0	22.9	0.6	5.1	0.6	1.4	37.1	3,218.9	151.9	4,630,200
Jun-06	-	-	1,756.0	23.3	0.1	2.8	0.6	1.3	27.7	3,014.3	141.2	4,645,240
Jul-06	-	-	1,977.0	27.3	0.4	3.0	0.6	1.2	27.5	2,618.0	140.9	5,627,631
Aug-06	-	-	1,591.0	27.4	0.0	0.4	0.5	1.1	22.1	3,086.3	146.2	5,051,712
Sep-06	-	-	1,567.0	25.7	0.2	5.0	0.6	1.6	39.3	2,932.0	137.7	4,318,313
Oct-06	-	-	1,930.0	23.8	0.0	0.4	0.4	1.4	22.2	3,038.1	134.8	4,890,371
Nov-06	-	-	1,893.0	21.7	0.2	4.6	0.5	1.3	20.0	2,807.0	130.6	5,782,157
Dec-06	-	-	1,681.0	25.5	0.3	0.9	0.5	1.2	32.8	3,158.8	139.1	6,444,175
Jan-07	-	-	1,208.0	22.1	0.4	4.7	0.7	0.9	17.3	2,870.4	131.3	6,521,268
Feb-07	-	-	1,867.0	19.4	0.0	0.3	0.5	1.0	28.3	2,777.9	123.5	6,008,106
Mar-07	-	-	1,861.0	23.4	0.3	0.4	0.7	1.3	20.3	-	138.0	5,831,800
Apr-07	-	-	2,067.0	21.2	0.2	4.3	0.5	1.0	32.0	-	141.1	5,457,848
May-07	-	-	2,273.0	23.0	0.0	0.7	0.6	1.1	28.6	-	139.9	5,573,385
Jun-07	-	-	2,061.0	21.4	0.6	1.9	0.5	1.2	13.4	-	129.7	5,405,279
Jul-07	-	-	2,032.0	18.8	0.0	6.1	0.5	0.8	13.3	-	-	6,429,311
Aug-07	-	-	-	20.5	0.2	0.6	0.5	1.1	21.1	-	-	-
Sep-07	-	-	-	-	-	3.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 643.0	t 21,223.4	t 13,369.0	t 169.8	t 1.7	t 22.9	t 4.5	t 8.4	t 174.3	t 5,648.3	t 803.5	t 41,226,997
% change	-14.1	-3.8	7.2	-12.8	-7.5	-14.9	-9.3	-17.3	-27.9	1.5	-4.5	16.0
Last 12 months	768.5	25,523.1	22,031.0	266.5	2.5	28.8	6.6	13.8	288.6	35,375.0	1,632.8	67,713,725
Previous 12	847.3	24,768.4	22,568.0	302.1	2.5	39.8	7.3	15.8	362.1	32,603.7	1,696.9	66,301,778
% change	-9.3	3.0	-2.4	-11.8	-1.4	-27.6	-10.4	-12.6	-20.3	8.5		2.1
% ch. year ago	-3.7	-6.9	2.8	-25.2	420.0	-22.0	0.0	1.8	-4.5	4.6	-8.1	14.2
% ch. prev mnth	41.5	8.2	-1.4	9.0	875.0	550.0	0.0	33.3	58.6	-3.2	-7.3	18.9





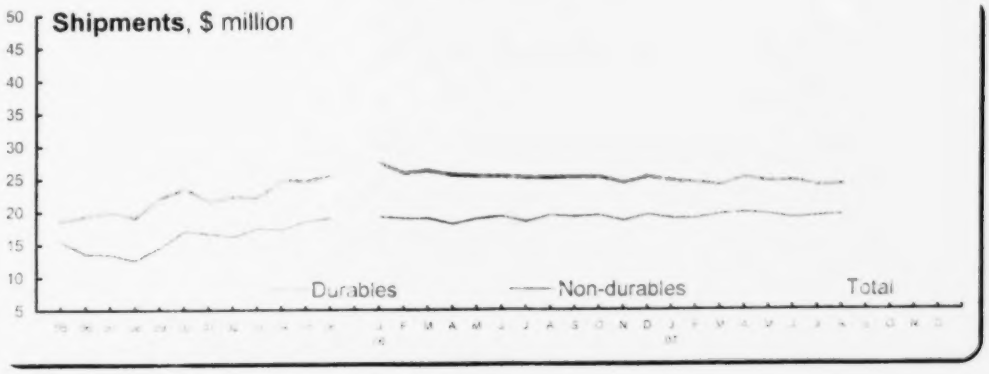
10 Manufacturing – Durables, NAICS based

Period	Value of Manufactured Shipments (Source: Statistics Canada)								
	Total All Shipments	Total Durables	Wood	Non-Metallic Minerals	Fabricated Metals	Machinery	Computer & Electronics	Electrical Equipment	Transportation Equipment
	$ thousand								
	Seasonally Adjusted								
2003	39,691,031	22,200,399	10,693,477	1,292,642	1,957,955	1,824,425	1,265,017	-	1,440,867
2004	42,146,915	24,814,013	12,471,028	1,435,826	2,021,630	2,021,064	1,398,369	-	1,279,415
2005	43,212,491	24,651,348	11,301,032	1,609,105	2,370,191	2,242,900	1,356,307	-	1,297,293
2006	44,552,522	25,542,330	9,834,598	1,943,540	2,487,441	2,397,138	1,691,276	-	1,505,348
Jan-05	3,444,894	2,014,140	963,681	113,817	199,454	179,537	107,345	X	101,224
Feb-05	3,567,258	2,062,211	996,617	122,581	187,874	169,490	107,539	X	93,455
Mar-05	3,537,442	2,032,815	949,537	134,070	187,049	179,006	106,217	X	111,099
Apr-05	3,517,692	2,023,630	933,926	128,694	187,080	179,341	111,595	X	108,698
May-05	3,620,683	2,068,431	951,344	132,626	195,030	197,604	107,106	X	111,159
Jun-05	3,632,977	2,048,296	921,554	132,752	191,393	175,596	127,233	X	113,866
Jul-05	3,488,062	2,005,069	911,066	133,848	188,597	181,184	107,728	X	106,236
Aug-05	3,632,360	2,011,284	906,975	138,250	195,585	174,408	122,931	X	106,505
Sep-05	3,609,565	2,027,573	940,040	138,867	201,520	200,334	109,493	X	101,031
Oct-05	3,648,641	2,046,942	929,972	142,336	203,138	200,618	113,587	X	109,287
Nov-05	3,703,732	2,114,989	937,450	142,912	213,470	197,695	106,371	X	114,284
Dec-05	3,809,191	2,195,974	958,871	148,352	220,000	208,087	129,161	X	120,452
Jan-06	3,894,388	2,290,338	979,449	162,471	237,881	209,134	153,821	X	120,574
Feb-06	3,735,844	2,155,156	887,865	158,118	213,887	214,130	134,498	X	120,532
Mar-06	3,772,275	2,189,574	904,728	157,205	226,047	199,410	149,408	X	124,298
Apr-06	3,640,012	2,132,422	879,318	160,173	182,044	219,947	117,332	X	130,641
May-06	3,691,390	2,118,202	829,012	165,165	191,101	204,729	155,780	X	116,210
Jun-06	3,723,760	2,116,772	808,968	167,136	185,909	201,719	175,053	X	121,761
Jul-06	3,633,915	2,097,138	781,616	169,075	205,703	192,481	138,910	X	124,764
Aug-06	3,720,180	2,099,117	774,926	163,703	204,721	183,103	141,688	X	132,653
Sep-06	3,706,654	2,104,936	773,006	161,622	205,228	194,492	144,340	X	130,854
Oct-06	3,718,776	2,101,197	745,101	166,494	218,506	192,968	141,323	X	127,178
Nov-06	3,577,761	2,028,785	729,449	141,994	202,545	193,340	110,441	X	126,671
Dec-06	3,737,549	2,108,682	741,159	170,384	213,867	191,684	128,682	X	129,205
Jan-07	3,638,683	2,057,270	718,378	170,765	209,893	202,177	126,949	X	138,288
Feb-07	3,618,302	2,037,407	686,606	177,326	219,221	199,702	120,262	X	129,326
Mar-07	3,638,388	2,007,109	671,924	176,131	228,296	203,437	120,144	X	132,736
Apr-07	3,757,607	2,102,124	721,933	172,237	248,185	202,369	120,136	X	124,690
May-07	3,684,360	2,052,698	688,687	168,704	250,763	209,219	101,492	X	122,058
Jun-07	3,646,654	2,063,012	686,897	161,997	247,298	208,671	104,238	X	127,819
Jul-07	3,602,635	1,995,845	658,385	159,951	243,901	208,711	96,686	X	124,367
Aug-07	3,636,320	2,010,317	646,013	163,236	250,934	214,983	94,694	X	123,858
Sep-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 29,222,949	t 16,325,782	t 5,478,823	t 1,350,347	t 1,898,491	t 1,649,269	t 884,601	X	t 1,023,142
% change	-2.0	-5.1	-20.0	3.6	15.2	1.5	-24.2	X	3.2
Last 12 months	43,963,689	24,669,382	8,467,538	1,990,841	2,738,637	2,421,753	1,409,387	X	1,537,050
Previous 12	44,582,893	25,584,197	10,612,215	1,875,513	2,485,421	2,431,387	1,625,102	X	1,436,487
% change	-1.4	-3.6	-20.2	6.1	10.2	-0.4	-13.3	X	7.0
% ch. year ago	-2.3	-4.2	-16.6	-0.3	22.6	17.4	-33.2	X	-6.6
% ch prev mnth	0.9	0.7	-1.9	2.1	2.9	3.0	-2.1	X	-0.4



11 Manufacturing — Non-Durables, NAICS based

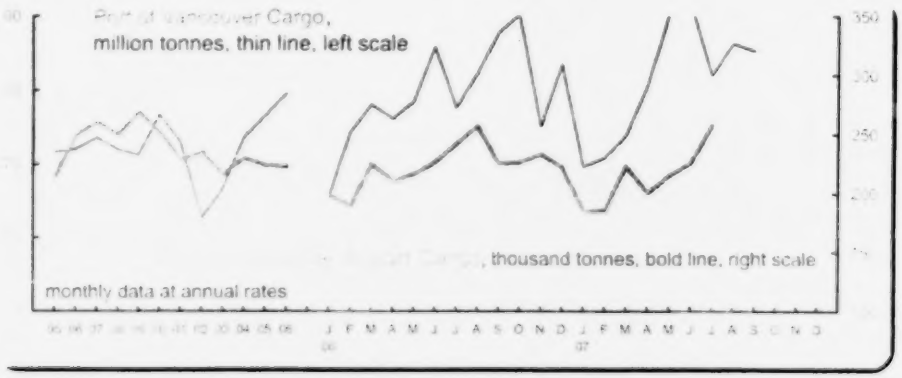
Value of Manufactured Shipments- Seasonally Adjusted (Source: Statistics Canada)								
	Total Non-Durables	Food	Beverage	Paper	Printing & Related Support	Clothing	Chemicals	Plastics & Rubber
	$ thousand							
Period	Seasonally Adjusted							
2003	17,490,631	4,835,722	1,274,875	5,642,966	977,935	-	1,510,245	1,255,173
2004	17,332,901	4,910,341	1,103,520	5,834,639	889,678	-	1,439,642	1,228,029
2005	18,561,142	5,325,412	1,197,455	5,613,640	1,010,705	-	1,571,751	1,348,646
2006	19,010,189	5,845,894	1,196,450	5,668,446	965,785	-	1,417,066	1,444,350
Jan-05	1,430,754	424,720	87,056	451,442	73,798	X	114,223	110,325
Feb-05	1,505,047	429,767	92,490	448,505	73,815	X	128,205	117,636
Mar-05	1,504,627	437,542	97,746	479,394	78,219	X	122,697	110,689
Apr-05	1,494,062	426,721	97,487	459,264	81,339	X	122,469	115,113
May-05	1,552,252	446,710	103,632	479,151	85,475	X	125,006	107,615
Jun-05	1,584,681	446,101	102,171	486,325	89,728	X	132,226	108,142
Jul-05	1,482,993	445,367	100,600	402,221	86,102	X	130,853	104,278
Aug-05	1,621,076	449,413	101,803	506,047	87,908	X	140,703	108,534
Sep-05	1,581,992	437,097	106,538	469,952	87,597	X	143,920	114,385
Oct-05	1,601,699	451,176	100,037	489,446	89,200	X	138,999	120,458
Nov-05	1,588,743	464,903	103,735	458,702	88,419	X	132,258	116,261
Dec-05	1,613,217	465,895	104,162	483,191	89,106	X	140,192	115,211
Jan-06	1,604,050	473,840	102,044	438,384	90,003	X	149,386	122,031
Feb-06	1,580,688	469,783	102,573	455,242	88,120	X	135,310	117,397
Mar-06	1,582,701	473,957	100,102	491,345	86,117	X	120,819	120,216
Apr-06	1,507,590	474,403	96,610	418,573	84,831	X	120,677	122,045
May-06	1,573,188	477,555	99,654	480,254	91,957	X	115,410	120,404
Jun-06	1,606,988	485,037	98,798	499,219	81,207	X	111,652	119,065
Jul-06	1,536,777	493,302	103,804	438,054	78,372	X	111,531	118,502
Aug-06	1,621,063	480,109	101,947	517,073	78,204	X	113,365	125,046
Sep-06	1,601,718	505,838	97,901	481,872	74,321	X	112,349	123,374
Oct-06	1,617,579	506,991	100,177	488,755	73,785	X	110,721	121,654
Nov-06	1,548,976	496,145	98,728	463,993	68,014	X	107,766	115,824
Dec-06	1,628,867	508,934	94,112	495,682	70,853	X	108,079	118,792
Jan-07	1,581,413	467,173	99,249	503,945	73,816	X	114,236	114,743
Feb-07	1,580,895	469,373	96,448	504,975	76,766	X	111,028	117,337
Mar-07	1,631,279	458,881	91,213	515,407	75,127	X	115,288	115,246
Apr-07	1,655,483	472,717	100,528	530,127	83,189	X	114,775	119,084
May-07	1,631,662	470,353	94,276	521,342	72,820	X	113,470	125,752
Jun-07	1,583,642	467,523	94,598	493,827	75,664	X	107,799	121,150
Jul-07	1,606,790	470,779	92,645	507,831	75,452	X	107,961	115,388
Aug-07	1,626,003	479,012	92,715	519,583	76,391	X	105,875	117,532
Sep-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 12,897,167	t 3,755,811	t 761,672	t 4,097,037	t 609,225	X	t 890,432	t 946,232
% change	2.3	-1.9	-5.4	9.6	-10.3	X	-9.0	-1.9
Last 12 months	19,294,307	5,773,719	1,152,590	6,027,339	896,198	X	1,329,347	1,425,876
Previous 12	18,998,696	5,647,057	1,220,004	5,639,435	1,033,133	X	1,533,519	1,431,021
% change	1.6	2.2	-5.5	6.9	-13.3	X	-13.3	-0.4
% ch. year ago	0.3	-0.2	-9.1	0.5	-2.3	X	-6.6	-6.0
% ch prev mnth	1.2	1.7	0.1	2.3	1.2	X	-1.9	1.9



12 Service Sector — Transportation

All data from respective ports, carriers, & authorities.

	Freight shipments				Passengers			
	Port of Vancouver			Vancouver Airport	BC Ferries			Coquihalla
	Shipping - Cargo Handled			Cargo	Arrivals/	Mainland/Vancouver Island		Hwy Pas'nger
	Foreign	Coastwise	Total	Handled	Departures	Passengers	Vehicles	Vehicles
Period	Thousand tonnes			Tonnes	Thousands	Thousands		
2003	63,582	3,145	66,727	215,839	7,267	10,832	3,678	2,466
2004	70,289	3,283	73,574	229,913	7,986	11,185	3,797	2,572
2005	72,909	3,573	76,480	223,678	8,348	11,088	3,794	2,620
2006	75,733	3,787	79,521	222,587	8,712	11,118	3,810	2,583
Jan-05	5,592	275	5,866	16,061	627	539	204	96
Feb-05	6,128	279	6,406	16,321	605	602	228	121
Mar-05	6,023	291	6,314	18,594	674	842	297	194
Apr-05	6,011	230	6,241	17,948	614	791	292	182
May-05	6,215	267	6,482	17,571	692	985	330	255
Jun-05	6,554	311	6,865	20,107	748	1,018	345	255
Jul-05	5,848	413	6,261	21,286	816	1,433	442	398
Aug-05	6,271	318	6,589	20,198	868	1,532	477	388
Sep-05	5,755	242	5,997	19,374	736	1,018	352	267
Oct-05	6,347	313	6,660	19,396	695	837	292	200
Nov-05	5,470	301	5,771	18,652	605	663	248	116
Dec-05	6,695	333	7,028	18,170	668	828	287	150
Jan-06	5,083	360	5,443	16,514	624	591	222	107
Feb-06	5,931	259	6,190	15,825	616	578	219	107
Mar-06	6,237	267	6,503	18,711	706	781	284	162
Apr-06	6,042	299	6,341	17,546	650	869	309	207
May-06	6,182	350	6,532	18,005	744	944	319	238
Jun-06	6,844	310	7,154	18,859	778	1,007	342	251
Jul-06	6,049	420	6,469	20,163	882	1,431	440	375
Aug-06	6,490	355	6,846	21,433	926	1,563	485	405
Sep-06	6,970	337	7,308	18,777	753	1,027	356	278
Oct-06	7,201	318	7,519	18,833	715	873	311	221
Nov-06	6,044	214	6,258	19,425	616	650	240	107
Dec-06	6,660	298	6,958	18,496	704	804	283	127
Jan-07	5,440	363	5,803	15,425	652	588	223	99
Feb-07	5,614	290	5,904	15,484	624	590	227	116
Mar-07	5,810	346	6,155	18,580	715	799	291	180
Apr-07	6,371	345	6,716	16,676	698	858	310	214
May-07	7,123	393	7,516	17,915	763	969	333	247
Jun-07	7,266	376	7,642	18,805	789	1,038	354	266
Jul-07	6,454	384	6,838	21,462	879	1,426	448	385
Aug-07	6,812	379	7,191	-	-	1,575	491	436
Sep-07	6,754	355	7,109	-	-	1,051	368	279
Oct-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 57,644	t 3,231	t 60,874	t 124,347	t 5,120	t 8,894	t 3,045	t 2,221
% change	3.3	9.3	3.6	-1.0	2.4	1.2	2.3	4.4
Last 12 months	77,549	4,061	81,609	221,311	8,833	11,221	3,879	2,676
Previous 12	74,340	3,904	78,245	221,413	8,571	11,119	3,803	2,594
% change	4.3	4.0	4.3	0.0	3.1	0.9	2.0	3.2
% ch. year ago	-3.1	5.3	-2.7	6.4	-0.3	2.3	3.4	0.3
% ch. prev mnth	-0.9	-6.3	-1.1	14.1	11.4	-33.3	-25.1	-36.1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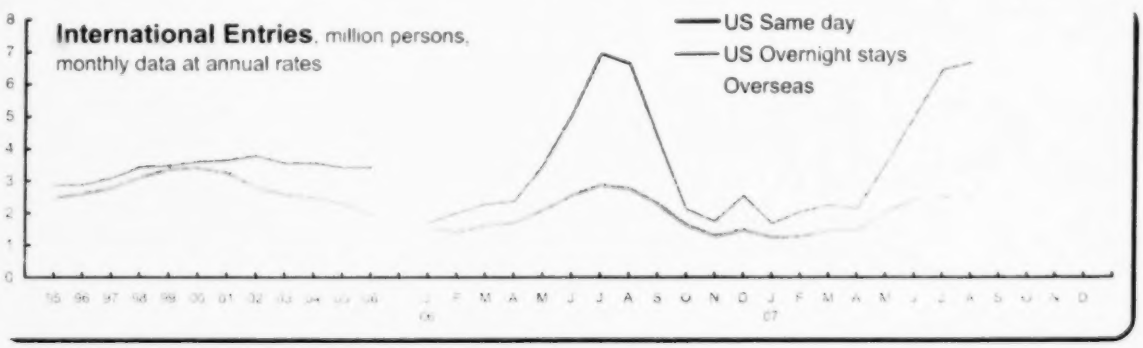
13 Service Sector – Tourism

Hotel Occupancy & Convention Delegate Days with permission of Pannell Kerr Forster. Airport figures from respective airports.

Tounsm Room Revenue, BC Stats.

	International Entries Via BC (Source: Statistics Canada)					Tourism Indicators					
	US			Overseas	Total	Hotel	Trade & Convention Delegate days		Tourism	Vancouver Airport Arrivals/Departures	
	Same Day	Overnight Stays	Total			Occup'cy Rate	Victoria	Vancouver	Room Revenue	Transborder	Interntl
Period	Persons					%	Thousands of days		$ thousands	Thousands of persons	
	Unadjusted								SA	Unadjusted	
2003	2,580,679	3,556,761	6,137,440	1,197,831	7,335,271	58.3	107,675	197,388	1,486,681	3,814	3,241
2004	2,477,569	3,561,526	6,039,095	1,408,654	7,447,749	61.3	105,581	249,553	1,592,176	3,965	3,775
2005	2,314,469	3,436,486	5,750,955	1,473,833	7,224,788	63.9	-	-	1,690,095	4,106	3,965
2006	1,944,560	3,435,243	5,379,803	1,466,148	6,845,951	65.7	-	-	1,822,164	4,257	3,959
Jan-05	131,375	156,510	287,885	72,030	359,915	45.1	3,655	11,800	135,052	314	307
Feb-05	146,461	188,231	334,692	75,675	410,367	56.9	6,517	9,300	138,600	288	265
Mar-05	155,677	190,995	346,672	90,157	436,829	61.0	6,628	42,375	137,935	349	297
Apr-05	164,437	197,563	362,000	88,017	450,017	63.4	11,766	21,400	134,729	298	302
May-05	219,160	289,844	509,004	148,381	657,385	67.7	12,320	17,115	138,481	346	338
Jun-05	265,581	400,897	666,478	176,756	843,234	72.6	3,873	65,280	138,680	376	369
Jul-05	291,031	579,994	871,025	216,706	1,087,731	78.1	10,350	-	139,318	461	421
Aug-05	274,302	540,486	814,788	185,395	1,000,183	80.6	1,620	3,900	140,288	463	442
Sep-05	225,395	349,105	574,500	166,737	741,237	76.2	12,810	30,080	144,639	345	370
Oct-05	159,407	173,785	333,192	95,131	428,323	60.7	-	-	139,405	285	320
Nov-05	137,544	145,792	283,336	64,006	347,342	55.4	-	-	155,114	263	241
Dec-05	144,099	223,284	367,383	94,842	462,225	49.4	-	-	147,854	317	293
Jan-06	127,859	142,673	270,532	70,231	340,763	48.5	-	-	144,421	308	302
Feb-06	119,286	167,892	287,178	70,310	357,488	58.7	-	-	141,875	303	257
Mar-06	136,143	191,110	327,253	83,001	410,254	64.8	-	-	144,453	353	307
Apr-06	142,975	198,141	341,116	92,424	433,540	63.1	-	-	147,790	317	301
May-06	175,788	288,661	464,449	145,865	610,314	71.3	-	-	153,571	346	323
Jun-06	214,726	420,400	635,126	180,342	815,468	75.9	-	-	157,681	386	369
Jul-06	239,676	578,616	818,292	214,860	1,033,152	80.1	-	-	153,131	473	428
Aug-06	230,598	552,662	783,260	192,688	975,948	81.9	-	-	153,158	477	439
Sep-06	190,350	361,695	552,045	164,381	716,426	76.2	-	-	153,159	363	366
Oct-06	135,441	176,542	311,983	92,799	404,782	64.0	-	-	157,107	302	312
Nov-06	108,013	144,965	252,978	63,441	316,419	55.0	-	-	159,250	279	255
Dec-06	123,705	211,886	335,591	95,806	431,397	49.2	-	-	156,567	352	302
Jan-07	104,451	140,370	244,821	72,476	317,297	50.8	-	-	164,495	344	305
Feb-07	108,332	171,121	279,453	77,576	357,029	60.6	-	-	159,664	308	275
Mar-07	122,661	188,022	310,683	89,056	399,739	67.1	-	-	163,934	374	325
Apr-07	123,964	178,841	302,805	86,819	389,624	64.7	-	-	163,709	326	296
May-07	169,812	294,072	463,884	151,933	615,817	72.4	-	-	163,135	353	330
Jun-07	204,031	420,633	624,664	188,776	813,440	76.7	-	-	165,383	398	374
Jul-07	210,455	539,997	750,452	223,537	973,989	79.6	-	-	-	464	445
Aug-07	210,243	557,995	768,238	197,376	965,614	83.2	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 1,253,949	t 2,491,051	t 3,745,000	t 1,087,549	t 4,832,549	a 69.4	t 69,539	t 201,250	t 980,320	t 2,567	t 2,351
% change	-9.6	-1.9	-4.6	3.6	-2.9	2.0	-6.4	-1.1	10.2	3.3	2.8
Last 12 months	1,811,458	3,386,139	5,197,597	1,503,976	6,701,573	66.6	100,836	247,216	1,912,692	4,339	4,025
Previous 12	2,053,496	3,432,121	5,485,617	1,470,437	6,956,054	65.5	113,184	243,145	1,756,409	4,159	3,951
% change	-11.8	-1.3	-5.3	2.3	-3.7	1.7	-10.9	1.7	8.9	4.3	
% ch. year ago	-8.8	1.0	-1.9	2.4	-1.1	1.6	104.2	44.9	4.9	-1.9	3.9
% ch. prev mnth	-0.1	3.3	2.4	-11.7	-0.9	4.5	690.7	671.3	1.4	16.6	18.8



14 Money and Markets

All series as maintained by the Bank of Canada.

	Stock Markets		Interest Rates					Exchange Rates	
	Dow Jones Industrial Ave -Close	T.S.E. Composite 300-Close	Bank Rate	Prime Rate	Conventional Mortgage Five year Rate	Conventional Mortgage One year Rate	US Federal Funds	Average Noon Spot Rate-US$	CERI - C$ Effective Exch. Rate
Period	$	1975=1000	%					$ Can	1992=100
2003	9,020.9	7,161.6	3.19	4.69	6.39	4.84	1.12	1.4010	88.76
2004	10,326.0	8,646.1	2.50	4.00	6.23	4.59	1.39	1.3013	94.12
2005	10,529.1	10,162.3	2.92	4.42	5.99	5.06	3.25	1.2114	100.97
2006	11,472.1	12,081.5	4.31	5.81	6.66	6.28	4.98	1.1343	107.88
Jan-05	10,489.9	9,204.1	2.75	4.25	6.05	4.80	2.27	1.2253	99.08
Feb-05	10,766.2	9,668.3	2.75	4.25	6.05	4.80	2.52	1.2397	97.95
Mar-05	10,503.8	9,612.4	2.75	4.25	6.25	5.05	2.77	1.2161	99.74
Apr-05	10,192.5	9,369.3	2.75	4.25	6.05	4.90	2.74	1.2360	98.39
May-05	10,467.5	9,607.3	2.75	4.25	5.95	4.85	3.01	1.2555	97.01
Jun-05	10,275.0	9,902.8	2.75	4.25	5.70	4.75	3.11	1.2402	98.73
Jul-05	10,640.9	10,422.9	2.75	4.25	5.80	4.90	3.26	1.2227	100.41
Aug-05	10,481.6	10,668.9	2.75	4.25	5.80	5.00	3.55	1.2040	101.53
Sep-05	10,568.7	11,011.8	3.00	4.50	5.80	5.00	3.77	1.1776	103.90
Oct-05	10,440.1	10,383.3	3.25	4.75	6.00	5.25	3.76	1.1776	104.39
Nov-05	10,805.9	10,824.1	3.25	4.75	6.15	5.60	4.02	1.1811	104.42
Dec-05	10,717.5	11,272.3	3.50	5.00	6.30	5.80	4.22	1.1610	106.11
Jan-06	10,864.9	11,945.6	3.75	5.25	6.30	5.80	4.26	1.1573	106.05
Feb-06	10,993.4	11,688.3	3.75	5.25	6.45	5.85	4.49	1.1489	107.11
Mar-06	11,109.3	12,110.6	4.00	5.50	6.45	6.05	4.70	1.1574	106.32
Apr-06	11,367.1	12,204.2	4.25	5.75	6.75	6.25	4.74	1.1438	107.38
May-06	11,168.3	11,744.5	4.50	6.00	6.75	6.25	5.01	1.1095	109.85
Jun-06	11,150.2	11,612.9	4.50	6.00	6.95	6.60	5.00	1.1138	109.84
Jul-06	11,185.7	11,831.0	4.50	6.00	6.95	6.60	5.24	1.1292	108.31
Aug-06	11,381.2	12,073.8	4.50	6.00	6.85	6.40	5.25	1.1183	109.05
Sep-06	11,679.1	11,761.3	4.50	6.00	6.70	6.40	5.27	1.1162	109.51
Oct-06	12,080.7	12,344.6	4.50	6.00	6.80	6.40	5.24	1.1286	108.39
Nov-06	12,221.9	12,752.4	4.50	6.00	6.55	6.40	5.26	1.1362	107.33
Dec-06	12,463.2	12,908.4	4.50	6.00	6.45	6.30	5.24	1.1530	105.36
Jan-07	12,621.7	13,034.1	4.50	6.00	6.65	6.50	5.27	1.1759	103.69
Feb-07	12,268.6	13,045.0	4.50	6.00	6.65	6.50	5.28	1.1707	104.06
Mar-07	12,354.3	13,165.5	4.50	6.00	6.49	6.40	5.26	1.1682	104.06
Apr-07	13,062.9	13,416.7	4.50	6.00	6.64	6.60	5.23	1.1343	106.88
May-07	13,627.6	14,056.8	4.50	6.00	7.14	6.85	5.28	1.0949	110.85
Jun-07	13,408.6	13,906.6	4.50	6.00	7.24	7.05	5.25	1.0652	114.05
Jul-07	13,212.0	13,868.6	4.75	6.25	7.24	7.05	5.26	1.0503	115.19
Aug-07	13,357.7	13,660.5	4.75	6.25	7.24	7.05	5.11	1.0582	114.36
Sep-07	13,895.6	14,098.9	4.75	6.25	7.19	7.05	4.78	1.0254	117.51
Oct-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 13,089.9	a 13,583.6	a 4.58	a 6.08	a 6.94	a 6.78	a 5.19	a 1.1048	a 110.07
% change	16.8	14.3	7.8	5.8	3.9	8.6	6.3	-2.5	1.8
Last 12 months	12,881.2	13,354.8	4.56	6.06	6.86	6.68	5.21	1.1134	109.31
Previous 12	11,071.9	11,621.0	4.02	5.52	6.55	6.07	4.66	1.1428	107.36
% change	16.3	14.9	13.5	9.8	4.7	10.0	11.6	-2.6	1.8
% ch. year ago	19.0	19.9	5.6	4.2	7.3	10.2	-9.3	-8.1	7.3
% ch. prev mnth	4.0	3.2	0.0	0.0	-0.7	0.0	-6.5	-3.1	2.8